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# OUT ON THE STREET

## Dyslexic mum and her two young children are evicted by council

**A SEVERELY dyslexic woman and her two young children are being thrown out onto the street by Harlow Council.**

Christina Reynolds (27) was living at a halfway house in Carters Mead with children Connor (9) and Sophie (7) after being evicted from their council flat in Wharley Hook last September amid a dispute over rent arrears.

But she claims her disability prevented her from understanding and replying to the correspondence sent by the authority and accused it of offering no assistance in filling out complicated forms and grasping complex repayment procedures.

Now the council has served the mum-of-two with a final eviction notice – meaning she and her young family were due to be made homeless by noon today (Thursday).

"I've never argued over the fact I owe the council money," she told the **Star**. "I'm just very angry and upset at the insensitive way I've been treated throughout this nightmare."

"There were letters the council said they'd sent me advising me of court dates and payment requests, but many of them I never even received and others I couldn't read."

"Some of the rules and regulations are complicated enough for most people, but my dyslexia means it's even harder for me to understand. All I've ever wanted was the help and support the council promises to

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people in my situation."

Miss Reynolds' problems began several years ago when she got herself a cleaning job, coming off Income Support in the process.

But she was unaware this affected the level of housing benefit to which she was entitled, leaving her out of pocket and causing her to fall behind with her rent.

Conservative councillor and housing committee member Lee Dangerfield has taken up Miss Reynolds' case but insisted he could not comment in detail because of the proximity of the May 1 local elections.

"I'm really, really saddened that this resident finds herself in this situation and I'm hoping that she gets a successful outcome," he added.

A council spokeswoman told the **Star** the authority needed written permission from Miss Reynolds to discuss her specific case – even though her dyslexia prevents her from writing.

In a general statement, she claimed the council had given and continued to provide support for Miss Reynolds, adding that tenants with "particular communication needs" were given extra assistance.

"We do not have a duty to house Ms Reynolds and we are continuing to work with external agencies to provide support to find Ms Reynolds alternative housing for her and her family," she said.



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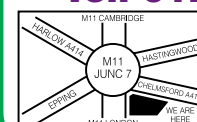
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# Murder charge in stabbing inquiry

A WAREHOUSE worker from Harlow has been charged with murder following the death of a man from multiple stab wounds.

Roland Balasko, (27) of St Andrew's Meadow, Harlow, appeared before Chelmsford Magistrates' Court on Saturday and was remanded in custody.

The charge against him relates to an alleged incident in St Andrew's Meadow shortly after midnight in the early hours of last Wednesday.

Police were called to a fight and arrived to find a large amount of blood in the street. The following day, the body of a man police believe to be a Hungarian national living in Harlow was discovered in the Hertfordshire village of Radlett.

A post mortem examination gave the provisional cause of death as multiple stab wounds.

The events have sent shock waves through the usually quiet cul-de-sac, with one 30-year-old customer service assistant telling the **Star**: "I don't know the neighbourhood very well but this makes you feel unsafe in your own home."

"We have just moved here; I was living in a really quiet area

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before and now I want to go back.

"I didn't hear or see anything that night because we went to bed early but I woke up early in the morning and said to my partner 'what the hell is going on?'. There were police and police tape up everywhere – it was really scary.

"It is worrying because it happened quite early in the morning. I work shifts and I could have been walking along at that time and who knows what might have happened?"

"The police say it is an isolated incident but it doesn't make you feel any better about it."

A 34-year-old mother-of-two, who has lived in the area for two years, said she was also shocked: "To have something happen like that on your doorstep is unnerving; it is usually so quiet."

Police are still appealing for witnesses who saw a black Seat people carrier speed away from St Andrew's Meadow shortly after the incident or saw a blood-soaked vehicle of the same description being dumped in Watford to call (01277) 262220.

## Fashion help for fund



**CATWALK** cash and runway fun were in fashion when a Harlow pre-school raised money for charity.

The Rhys Daniels Trust childhood terminal illness charity is £1,100 better off thanks to Smiles Montessori School's fashion show.

Pre-school manager Julia Almond said of Saturday's event at the GPCA Link, in Parsloe Road: "The children

**GLAD RAGS:** Pictured, left to right, are trust founder Barry Daniels, Julia Almond and visiting *EastEnders* actress Kara Tointon (photo: CQKSNVZ/03)

aged from 3-12 really enjoyed themselves and even did a bit of showing off!"

The clothing exhibited was sold to the audience following the show.

## Co-leader of council quits as Labour head

HARLOW Council joint leader Tony Durcan announced on Tuesday he is quitting as head of the Labour group.

His departure also means he will no longer serve as joint leader of the council soon after the May 1 local elections.

Mr Durcan (48) claimed he had always maintained in private he would only serve two years as group leader and joint council leader after he replaced Kevin Brooks in May 2006.

Asked whether his time had been successful, he said: "I don't like talking about legacies, but I'm halfway through a four-year term and I have never really had a chance to be a local councillor and I just couldn't continue as leader. It's a good time to step down as there are a few big things coming soon, such as the regeneration of the town."

Fellow Labour member Mark Wilkinson said: "People don't realise how many hours he put in, a tremendous amount. The testament to his commitment was the successful CPA report

last year."

He said he was considering his options but was definitely interested in becoming leader.

Mike Danvers (Lab) is also thinking about going for the role and added: "Tony was dedicated to the task, despite the very difficult time he has had in the last year with the swimming pool closure and the budget deficit."

"He found it extremely hard with the death of four colleagues during the last year (Robert Eschle, Roy Collyer, Jack Jesse and Greg Peck) and at times he found it a bit too much."

Conservative group spokesman Tony Hall found less to praise: "I don't think he has done a good job. I think it would be very difficult for any leader to do a good job with a council that's in such a dreadful state; but he's been a pleasant enough chap to work with and the relationships in the council have improved since their previous leader; as far as his leadership is concerned, however, the council has slumped."

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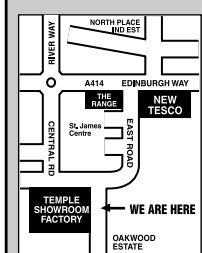
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# Concert For Cliff rocks up £2,000!

## Egg-cellent fundraiser



**TUCK IN!:** Dining are, *left to right*, Paul Lebel, Tomasz Kuciapa, Mark Reeve, Neelesh Mohun, Sarah Barrett, John Thistlethwaite, Annalie Hopcroft, Claire Wisbey, Trevor Thomas, Kat Dean, David Eve, Bob Bird and Jonathan Tengbe (photo: PMPTYKZP/02)

**EMPLOYERS** at a Harlow firm went to work on some charitable goodwill as well as an egg when they took part in Britain's Biggest Breakfast. Workers at PB, in River Way, came in an hour early on

**Friday for the Cancer Research UK fundraiser**, which saw everyone have breakfast together and take part in breakfast-related quizzes and competitions, raising a total of £150.

## CANCER Research UK is to benefit from a £2,000 windfall in memory of a former local footballer.

The family of Cliff Draper, who lived in Harlow for 40 years and was a prolific goal scorer for Northbrooks throughout the 1960s, organised the Concert For Cliff at The Square in February, attracting more than 250 people.

Now all the proceeds have been collected, along with a donation from Cliff's former employer Pitney Bowes, and last week a cheque was handed over by his son Gary Draper. The night of music was headlined by The Signals, who performed a mixture of original material and well-known covers, and there was support from Harlow duo KieranDan and Rock School favourites Replied The Stranger.

Gary, who plays guitar with The Signals, rounded off the evening with a solo set – including a rendition of The Beatles' *Here, There and Everywhere* performed against

a slide show tribute to his father.

Before Cliff lost his battle against prostate cancer in July 2007, he expressed a wish for people to donate to Cambridge's Addenbrooks Hospital where he was treated in the final stages. His family managed to raise more than £1,550 for the hospital's oncology ward, but decided they wanted to do more and set about raising cash for Cancer Research UK, another cause close to their hearts.

"I would like to say a big thanks for the enthusiastic support received by all the musicians," said Gary. "The night would not have been possible without the massive talent, dedication and generosity of everyone there." Margaret Partridge, who accepted the cheque on behalf of Cancer Research UK said: "This is an incredible sum of money to be raised from a single gig. I can fully appreciate how much hard work and goodwill went into this event.

"All the musicians, donors and attending guests should feel very proud of this fine achievement."

## Race places going

WOMEN hoping to secure a place in next month's Cancer Research UK Race For Life need to hurry as there are only about 100 places left.

More than 1,800 runners have already signed up for the fundraising 5km walk, jog and run in Harlow Town Park, which takes place on May 18.

However, anyone who misses out on the Harlow event should still have time to sign up for the Epping Forest race, at North Weald Airfield on July 9.

Harlow race organiser Gill Burgess said: "I'm absolutely delighted by the terrific response of local women to our invitation to join us at Race For Life this year.

"The event is such an inspiring and emotional day, where women of all ages and abilities come together to make a real difference."

For more details or to sign up, call 0871 6412271 or see [www.raceforlife.org/centraleast](http://www.raceforlife.org/centraleast)

## Parkinson's day

PARKINSON'S Disease Awareness Week will be marked on Saturday when Harlow's PD Society holds a special information day.

All 330 UK branches of the charity are participating in the annual event and the gathering at the David Livingstone Centre, in St Michael's Close, will be Harlow's contribution.

As well as information and advice for people affected by Parkinson's, there will also be a bric-a-brac sale, raffle and homemade refreshments.

The event runs from 10am-12.30pm. For more information, call Corinne Hall on 07982 094 194.

## MS annual meet

PEOPLE affected by multiple sclerosis are invited to attend the annual meeting of the local MS Society branch.

The national charity's head of operations, Barbara Williams, will be guest speaker at the meeting of the East Herts and West Essex branch, in Hatfield Heath Village Hall, on Saturday at 3pm.

Branch chairman Mark Gammage said: "We have had a very active year and been well supported. We are delighted to be able to share news of this at our AGM and we extend a warm welcome to anyone affected by MS, whether members of the society or not."

For more information, call 07880 828858.

## Taking to the air!

BUDDING radio stars can check out what goes on behind the scenes in the studio at Harlow Hospital Radio's open day on Saturday.

The event takes place at the Princess Alexandra Hospital, in Hamstel Road, from 11am-3pm. For more information, call (01279) 635540.

## Bowling club quiz

TYE Green Indoor Bowls Club in Tillwicks Road, Harlow, is the venue for a quiz night in aid of the Essex and Herts Air Ambulances on Saturday.

Entry costs £15 for a team of six. Call (01279) 428321 for details.

## Millennium funds

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## Welcome area has a big hello at hospice



A NEW welcome area was given a good reception of its own when it was unveiled at Hastingwood's St Clare Hospice.

Harlow MP Bill Rammell cut the ribbon to open the new facility, which includes a shop, refreshments area and waiting room and was funded by a £150,000 grant from the Department of Health.

Mr Rammell also used his visit to check out redecoration work carried out in the in-patient bedrooms, which was made possible by left-over money. St Clare communications officer Giles Wright said: "This is work we simply wouldn't have been

**A BIG RECEPTION:** Pictured are, *left to right*, Bill Rammell, Richard Cowie, Michael Chapman and Julie Hewlett (photo: B2S2HH9Z/02)

able to fund ourselves as we are currently investing in expanding our patient services team which will offer patients physiotherapy and alternative therapies to aid their independence.

"However, the needs of our building, which was built in 2000, are changing as new services go live and this important fund has enabled us to create a custom-built environment to suit our latest needs."



## Table tennis to get £110k cash revamp boost

THOUSANDS of pounds are to be handed to an Old Harlow table tennis academy to improve its facilities.

The Booth Academy of Table Tennis Skills, based at the Norman Booth Recreation Centre, in Old Harlow, has been awarded £110,000 by Sport England East to help fund a £148,000 refurbishment programme which will include a new semi-sprung sports hall floor, modern changing rooms with accessible facilities, an accessible lift as well as a hi-tech visitor area.

At present, 120 members play table tennis at the centre, which has up to 2,000 users aged four-80 per month.

Neil Brierley, secretary of The Norman Booth Recreation Centre, said: "This is a really exciting time for members of the centre and its volunteers. The modernisation of the centre means that it will become a more inviting environment for people to participate in sport as well as helping to ensure the longevity of the centre as a whole. The improved social area will also help to build on the strong community spirit that already exists here."

"We hope that the new facilities will encourage more members of the community to join local sports clubs at the centre who will enjoy playing sport in a comfortable and friendly environment."

The work will begin in June this year and is expected to be completed in mid-August.

# Arriva denies abuse of OAP fares system

## 'Abandoned' cat and rat found

A RAT and a cat thought to belong to the same owner have been found at Harlow Garden Centre.

The brown and white rat was found at the same time as a ginger cat at the Hastingwood business on Friday.

Staff believe the animals could have been dumped; two years ago a Dalmatian was abandoned at the front gates.

Spokeswoman Elizabeth Albane said: "I really can't understand it as it's very strange to leave such friendly animals here. The rat was found in the seeds department - where else? - and was easy to catch. The cat we had to trap as it was a bit more nervous."

"Why would you dump them here? They have



to be connected in some way as they were found at the same time."

Both animals are being looked after at different addresses. If you know who owns them, call Shirley Smith on (01992) 522404.



**BUS operator Arriva has hit back at accusations of abusing the public purse.**

Brian Drury, commercial director of Arriva The Shires & Essex, this week defended his firm's business practices after the **Star** revealed dozens of OAPs entitled to free bus travel at the council's expense had been issued with incorrect tickets by Arriva drivers.

In the week free national bus travel for the elderly was launched, Mr Drury said the issuing of tickets was merely a method to count passengers and claimed the destinations shown had nothing to do with the payment Arriva gets.

He accused Liberal Democrat councillors Lesley Rideout and Robert Thurston, who organised the analysis of tickets issued, of not understanding how concessionary fares schemes work.

"The money we get paid from the council is absolutely nothing to do with the destination that's on the ticket," he said. "We look at the average fare for all adults and we

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multiply that by the number of OAPs who use the bus. I do not appreciate being called a crook"

But Mrs Rideout said she and colleagues did not accept Arriva's reassurances and added they had been flooded with further apparently incorrect tickets since the **Star's** report last month.

"Mr Drury says that it is the average length of journeys that is used to calculate payments," she said. "But if a large number of individual journeys are wrongly recorded, then that affects the average. It's simple mathematics."

"The evidence we are gathering shows that the practice of issuing wrongly extended tickets to pensioners is even more widespread than we first thought. We're seeking a meeting with Arriva, Essex County Council and consultants MCL (responsible for monitoring bus operators) to discuss the evidence we have been sent and what they propose to do about it."

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## Event stewards in violent brawl

TWO crowd control experts responsible for maintaining order at some of the UK's biggest events sparked a violent brawl, a court heard.

Robert Prescod (41), of Heathcote Gardens, Harlow, and Wesley Pierce (29), from Broxbourne, worked for Secure Ops which provided stewards for the Big Brother auditions, BBC Proms In The Park and band tours.

But when they joined colleagues for a pub crawl in East London on February 2, the pair lashed out after being refused alcohol by bar manager Sandi Haida at Mabel's Tavern, near Euston Station.

Mr Haida, a barmaid and a customer were injured. Police arrested Prescod and Pierce near the pub with bloodied knuckles.

At London's Old Bailey on Thursday, the pair were sentenced to 200 hours of community service and ordered to pay £200 in compensation after admitting affray.

"It seems you would not have behaved like this if you had not had too much to drink," said Mr Justice Keith. "But this can't excuse your behaviour, especially as you both work in the security industry."

"When landlords decide they are not going to serve customers who they think have had too much to drink, they are entitled to look to the law to protect them."

"You admitted throwing punches at the landlord. Moreover, you injured a barmaid who was caught in the cross fire and a customer was assaulted by one of you."

The court heard Prescod recently won a bravery award for tackling a man wielding a samurai sword outside Acton Town Hall.

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# Venue Squaring up to continue legacy



By  
**CHRIS MOSS**

**FROM this year forward, July 4 should be remembered by music fans as the day The Square finally broke free from the farcical red-tape handcuffs imposed by County Hall bureaucrats.**

It will be the day when the thriving local music community reclaims a missing part of its collective soul, scores a priceless victory over The Man and gives a two-fingered salute to the authorities who would have seen it marginalised for good.

Ever since Essex County Council bigwigs arbitrarily decided to slap a prohibitive age limit on entry to The Square, enforce a blanket alcohol ban and by so doing all but destroy 30 glorious years of musical heritage in a single stroke, the future of Harlow's beloved music venue had been clouded by doubt.

But thanks to the passion, dedication and sheer hard graft of an unassuming bunch of musicians, technicians and promoters, the venue is now stirring from its induced coma.

It won't be long before you can dust off your leathers, squeeze into your drainpipes and head down to Fourth Avenue for a tearful reunion with your first love – and (the horror, the horror!) even enjoy a pint or two while you're there.

"It's been a long time coming, but we're almost there, thank God," says a relieved Richard Holgarth, guitarist with legendary pub rockers Eddie & The Hot Rods and self-proclaimed spokesman for The SquareOne Partnership.

Nursing a pint in a Harlow pub following a public meeting on the progress of the takeover, he speaks candidly about the months of unnecessarily protracted negotiations



**ROCK ON:** Pictured, left to right, are Dan Moriarty, Adam Smith, Chris Gilham, Steve Harcourt and Richard Holgarth (photo: LFKMKGVQ/04)

with a bizarrely defiant county council.

"There was a point when we really thought this would never happen," he admitted. "But we all knew that we couldn't just sit back and watch The Square go under without putting up a fight.

"There's always going to be problems when the people making the decisions on the venue's future have never even seen the place, let alone been to a gig. With them, it's all about bureaucracy and hitting targets – there's little understanding of the real importance of somewhere like The Square to the local community."

He's undoubtedly angry about the way County Hall has handled the takeover, and there's even more resentment over the fact the authority is now refusing to allow the county-

funded Rock School to stay on at the venue on the grounds that alcohol will be available on the premises ("We've bent over backwards to accommodate them, but they're adamant that as long as alcohol is even on site they won't consider it"), but he is understandably more eager to talk about the future.

"We want The Square to become again what it once was. It's much more than just a music venue, it's a piece of musical history and it belongs to the town. It's always tried to cater for everyone and that's the way it will continue to be under our ownership.

"We'll be operating an open-door policy, catering for all ages and with no dress code. We believe no more in uniform dress than we do in uniform thinking and this is what has always

made The Square a vibrant melting pot of cultures, fashions and social groups."

With some big names already in the pipeline, the new management is hoping The Square's reputation will help attract the top touring bands back to the venue whose stage has been graced by the likes of a little-known bunch called Oasis through to garrulous gutter punks The Libertines.

**S**unday nights will be held over for the oldies and will feature some of the best tribute acts on the circuit, as well as reliable favourites such as Chas 'n' Dave and Richard's very own Eddie & The Hot Rods, while the bar will now open between noon-6pm on weekends, giving customers plenty of time to catch up on the drinking they've missed out on over the past year.

"We want to make it the hub of the community again," reasoned Richard. "The number of people who've started bands after meeting up in The Square is incredible; it's like this organic being that keeps feeding itself.

"You used to get people dropping in not so much because there was a band on they wanted to see but just because it was The Square and it was a great, relaxed place to have a drink and a game of pool – if you ended up enjoying the music, it was a bonus. We want to bring all that back, but make it bigger and better."

And as current Square employee and SquareOne partner Steve Harcourt points out, no-one in the new management set-up will be drawing a wage – all profits will be ploughed straight back into the venue.

"We won't be giving up our day jobs, that's for sure!" he said. "This is about our passion to keep the venue alive for the benefit of everyone in the town who appreciates live music.

"Ultimately, the future of The Square will be up to the people of Harlow themselves – without their continued support, we won't survive."

## Councillors call it a day and step down before May 1 polls

TWO Harlow councillors have confirmed they are to stand down from the authority. Staple Tye Liberal Democrat Su Lawton and Sumners and Kingsmoor independent John Paul Goddard attended their final council meeting on Thursday after confirming they will not seek re-election on May 1.

Mrs Lawton, Harlow's second-longest serving councillor, choked back tears as she recalled her 16-year career which began as one of only two opposition members. She went on to become the town's first non-Labour housing committee chairwoman.

Current housing chairman Mark Wilkinson (Labour) said she was a hard act to follow.

Her group leader Chris Millington said: "Councillors get a lot of stick but when you think about Su and her 16 years of service, you think 'if only they knew the work that goes on behind the scenes'."

Mr Goddard, Harlow's youngest councillor, told colleagues he plans to attend university and study law. "I have loved and hated in equal measure my time here," he said.

Despite a troubled period which saw him admit to falling into arrears with his council tax and then walk out on the Conservative group last year, Tory leader Andrew Johnson said he had "brought something of the theatre" to the council chamber.

"He has worked very hard over the past four years, spending great amounts of time in the Civic Centre and, if the shirts in the members' room were anything to go by, even living here at times!" he said.

Nominations for the elections have been published and can be viewed at [www.harlowstar.co.uk](http://www.harlowstar.co.uk).

● MR Goddard is being investigated for a possible lapse in protocol by the Standards Board for England regarding comments he made to the **Star** in January when he called for senior council officer and community services head Lynn Seward to resign.

## Residents' frustration at the state of garden

RESIDENTS of picturesque Churchgate Street have been left frustrated after Harlow Council admitted it is powerless to enforce a local covenant protecting a landmark garden. The land, situated between numbers 1 and 9 Churchgate Street, has been allowed to fall into neglect.

And although there is a covenant stating it must remain a pleasure garden, it is now in an unsightly state, overgrown and untidy.

The site has been the subject of several unsuccessful planning applications in recent years, most lately for a two-storey house.

Nearby resident Sandra Rose called the area a "complete tip" and said: "It could be hidden behind a wooden fence, as used to be the case, or a brick wall. But there is just a chicken wire-style fence, leaving the awful view for the other residents and visitors," she said. "It spoils the whole street."

A council spokesman confirmed the land was subject to a covenant but claimed: "This particular covenant is not enforceable by the council; it can only be enforced by local residents living in the area."

## Leak onto substation spurs OAP evacuation

ELDERLY residents of a sheltered housing complex had to be evacuated after a small explosion was heard and the lights went out.

Firefighters were called to Pelly Court, in Epping, at about 1am on Friday after a group of 20 residents were moved into a communal hall as a precaution.

Epping Forest Council runs the Hemnal Street unit and a spokesman said a small bang was heard after a fire started when water leaked from a flat and onto an electricity substation beneath the premises.

He added that all the residents were back in their homes quickly and that a generator had been set up to supply them with power until the leak was fixed. The area was made safe by 2.30am.

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## Chef (28) died of alcohol and drugs cocktail

A FORMER pub chef from Harlow died after taking a lethal cocktail of alcohol and drugs, an inquest heard.

The body of Andrew Cook (28), of Whitewaites, was discovered in a flat at Netteswell Tower, off Park Lane, on July 30 last year.

The Chelmsford inquest on Thursday heard police found the premises unsecured. They initially arrested a 42-year-old man in connection with the incident but later determined the death was not suspicious after a post mortem examination found Mr Cook – who had a history of drug addiction – had died from opiate and alcohol intoxication.

He was found to have considerable amounts of codeine, morphine and cocaine in his blood, and had consumed alcohol. The toxicology report also indicated he may have taken heroine shortly before his death.

Mr Cook, who was born in Epping, had worked as a chef at The Woodman pub, in Chipping Ongar, while living with his partner, Polly Read (25). They had one son.

Coroner Caroline Beasley-Murray recorded an open verdict, stating there was not sufficient evidence to determine the exact circumstances of Mr Cook's death.

"There is nothing to suggest he intended to take his own life," she told the inquest. "But there is also not enough evidence to be certain that he died as a result of an accident."

# Two years for brute who tortured victim

## Bill digs in for rehab centre start

**WORK** to turn Harlow's Passmore House into a rehab centre is now officially under way following a traditional turning of the sod ceremony.

Harlow MP Bill Rammell did the honours at the Third Avenue site on Saturday, marking a start to the project which when complete will rehabilitate drug addicts and alcoholics and have accommodation for 18 people as well as a day centre.

The plans have been met with a mixed reaction since they were unveiled in 2006, although Vale House Stabilisation Services, which has been leasing the former museum since 2005, is confident the centre will be a major asset to the town.



**SPADEWORK:** At the ceremony are, left to right, Bill Rammell, Chris Hannaby, Judge Michael Baker and Malcolm Bushell (photo: CLJ9JBF/02)

**A THUG** who subjected another man to a three-hour ordeal of torture, during which he whipped him with a bicycle chain and left him with "appalling" injuries, has been jailed.

Stephen Turner (49), of Whitewaites, Harlow, repeatedly hit Christopher Palmer with a cycle chain and punched and kicked him because he thought his victim was attracted to a 13-year-old girl, Chelmsford Crown Court was told.

On Monday, Turner was sentenced to two years in prison after admitting causing actual bodily harm and another unrelated charge of threatening behaviour towards a woman.

Passing sentence, Judge Roger Hayward Smith QC told Turner: "You used violence on your victim over a period of three hours. You assaulted him with a bicycle chain, kicked him and tried to stamp on his head. Such behaviour went on repeatedly and the photos taken of his injuries were appalling."

The court heard Turner and

Mr Palmer had known each other for several years and that on December 27, 2006, Turner went to Mr Palmer's home and when he was let in punched him in the face and accused him of "fancying" a teenager he knew.

Shereen Dyer, prosecuting, said Mr Palmer denied the allegation but reluctantly agreed to a demand by Turner that they should go for a walk.

During the walk, Mr Palmer was subjected to continued questioning and was beaten to the point he felt numb and feared he was going to die.

He was also ordered to carry two shopping bags of food while he was being beaten and was taunted by Turner, who said "You have signed your own death warrant" when he refused to admit the allegations.

Mr Palmer finally escaped when a car stopped to help him. He was left with two black eyes, a lump on his head and wounds all over his face.

Mitigating for Turner, Alison Lambert said he accepted he had a problem with anger management and that it was something he needed help for. She also said he wasn't in the best of health and suffered brittle bone disease.

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# Council chief under fire for £107k salary

**HARLOW Council chief executive Malcolm Morley takes home a whopping £107,000-plus annual pay packet for heading up the financially troubled authority, it has been revealed.**

His salary has been disclosed in the wake of a rich list of the earnings of town and county hall fat cats in the region.

Public spending reform group the TaxPayers' Alliance released the salaries of chief executives and directors earning more than £100,000 at local authorities after a nationwide Freedom Of Information request campaign.

Harlow was one of only a few authorities which failed to respond to the FOI inquiry, apparently because it had no record of the request.

However, the **Star** has since received the figures for Mr Morley's salary from the council – £107,814 for 2006/7, up by £3,090 from the previous year – which have been criticised the TaxPayers' Alliance in light of Harlow's recent budgetary cuts and redundancies.

Alliance chief executive Matthew Elliott said: "It's good news that Harlow Council have finally got round to releasing this information; people have a right to

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know where their money is being spent. It is concerning, though, that a floundering council that is supposedly strapped for cash is paying out so much to their chief executive.

"It's right that people are rewarded for good work, but there is a danger of rewarding failure, which is not a good deal for taxpayers."

A council spokesman confirmed Mr Morley was the only employee to get a salary in excess of £100,000 but declined to comment on the amount.

The report also discloses the salaries of Epping Forest Council's two chief executives; John Scott earned £111,921 in 2006/7, an increase of 8.1 per cent from the previous year, and Peter Haywood was paid £114,072, up 6.9 per cent from 2005/6.

Essex County Council chief executive Joanna Killian was paid £175,881 for the financial year 2006/07, a drop of £34,000 from the previous year.

Topping the local list and coming sixth in the national list of 818 was Hertfordshire County Council chief executive Caroline Tapster, with an annual income for 2006/07 of £201,485 – the equivalent of £755 for each working day.

## Paul's marathon effort



(photo: BJ9MLD2C/05)

**A HARLOW man who lost three grandparents to cancer is hoping to complete the challenge of a lifetime in their memory when he runs the London Marathon this weekend.**

Paul Marshall (27), of Burley Hill, decided to tackle the gruelling 26.2 mile course after family members died from different forms of the disease in recent years.

He said the loss of his grandparents hit him hard and he intends to do them proud by running Sunday's event in aid of The Royal Marsden Cancer Campaign in under four hours.

"In the last 10 years, many of my family and friends have been either directly or indirectly affected by the disease," he said. "Remembering them will spur me on."

Amanda Heaton, fundraising and community development manager for The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust, said Paul's efforts are appreciated: "We wish him all the best for his run and my team and I will be there on the sidelines, cheering ourselves hoarse in support of him and all our other runners."

## Accused pleads guilty in killing of bricklayer

A MAN has admitted responsibility for the death of a Harlow bricklayer almost a year ago.

Lee Williams (26), also known as Lee Clark, was found unconscious with head injuries in an underpass in The Hides, Harlow on April 22, 2007 and died at Queen's Hospital, in Romford.

At Chelmsford Crown Court on Tuesday, Colin Ansell (29), of Pittman's Field, Harlow, pleaded guilty to the manslaughter of Mr Williams, of Gibson Court.

Ansell was due to have faced a three-week trial before a jury on a charge of murder but the prosecution accepted his plea to the lesser offence. Judge Christopher Ball QC directed that a murder charge should lie on the file.

Prosecutor Noel Lucas QC said Mr Williams died after an incident in which he received a number of blows, fell over and struck his head on the ground. There was no evidence of a weapon being used.

The court heard Ansell had two prior convictions for assaults on police in 1994. He was convicted of wounding, violent disorder and affray in 1996.

Judge Ball adjourned the hearing for pre-sentence reports. Ansell was remanded in custody and is due to return to court on May 12.

Mr Williams was a talented footballer who played as a goalkeeper for Leyton Orient as a teenager and had been nominated for the Harlow and District Football League representative squad shortly before his death.

## Hidden cameras for covert stings

COVERT surveillance is being used in Harlow to crack down on activities such as prostitution, vandalism, fly-tipping, littering and dog fouling.

Miniature CCTV cameras small enough to be hidden in the most unlikely places will record illegal activity and Harlow Council hopes to use them to bring prosecutions.

Covert stings have been set up following tip-offs and several have resulted in prosecutions.

These include the closure of a brothel in a residential area and the arrest of youths following vandalism at council premises.

● **REPORT** anti-social behaviour to the It's Your Call hotline on 0845 605 2222 or Contact Harlow on (01279) 446655.

## Psychiatric reports for hoax bomb prankster

A MAN who made a hoax bomb call which led to numerous police resources being wasted has been ordered to undergo psychiatric reports.

Paul Lyons (31), of Church End, Harlow, had been committed to Chelmsford Crown Court for sentencing after he earlier admitted to making a hoax 999 call in February this year.

He sparked a major police emergency incident after making a telephone call to claim there was a bomb at Asda supermarket, in Harlow town centre.

But at the sentencing hearing on Thursday, Judge Charles Gratwicke agreed with defence lawyer Colette Kelly that a report should be conducted into Lyons's mental state.

He told the court the move should not be regarded as an indication as to the eventual sentence and added that a custodial sentence was almost inevitable.

Speaking to Lyons, he said: "This is a very serious matter and is normally dealt with by imprisonment as surely as day follows night."

Lyons was released on bail until May 8.

## Boy in court over fatal M11 smash

A 16-YEAR-old boy appeared in court on Tuesday in connection with a crash involving a stolen car on the M11 in which another teenager was killed.

The youth, from Shepherds Bush, pleaded guilty at Basildon Youth Court to aggravated vehicle taking but denied burglary. He was remanded in custody until June 3.

On Saturday, a Vauxhall Signum stolen from Twickenham careered off the south-bound M11 and down an embankment between Junctions 7 and 6 after 8am. A 16-year-old from London died. A post mortem examination is due to be held today (Thursday), after which he will be identified.

A 17-year-old from Shepherds Bush, who was also arrested in connection with the crash and the burglary, has been released on police bail until April 21.

The accident resulted in the closure of that stretch of the M11 until 7pm.

Hertfordshire Police have confirmed they are investigating an attempted burglary in Sawbridgeworth on Saturday which they believe may be linked to the crash.

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# Play scheme gets colourful and creative

**CRAFTY** people had the opportunity to put their talents to good use when a fun-filled day was held at a Harlow church.

Scores of people turned out to St Andrews Methodist Church Hall, in The Stow, on Thursday to try their hand at making creative works as part of an arts and craft day.

The session formed part of the Efua Sey Cultural Academy's

Easter holiday play scheme, which saw a variety of multi-cultural events take place throughout a two-week period.

**TIME TO GET CRAFTY:** Pictured, left to right, are Chloe Eversten (10), Toni Swanzy-Impraim (8), Meredith Bonwick (13) and Efua Sey Koi-Lari (photo: PSRQWVMW/02)



# Tributes paid to former chairman

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**THE** wife of Harlow councillor Greg Peck this week paid tribute to her husband after he died following a long battle with leukaemia.

Mr Peck (60) passed away peacefully at Princess Alexandra Hospital in the early hours of Friday.

A long-standing member of the Labour Party, he continued to work hard for the town throughout his illness and maintained a high profile, serving as council chairman for the 2006-07 municipal year.



**GREG PECK**

Despite his worsening health, he had also hoped to seek re-election to the council in his Harlow Common seat in the May 1 local elections.

His widow Kathleen told the **Star**: "Greg was an unbelievably brave man. All throughout his illness he never gave up hope – he was our tower of strength."

"He went through so much but he would never complain or feel sorry for himself. We will miss him so much."

Former council leader Alan Jones, who was Mr Peck's election agent and friend, said: "It says a lot about the man that the moment he had any respite, he was straight back in the saddle working again – and even when he didn't have the legs to get to the Town Hall, he was still often working behind the scenes."

Joint council leader Tony Durcan (Lab) added: "Greg was a passionate councillor who worked very hard for the people

he represented. He was a close friend and I will miss him greatly. Despite being ill during his time as chairman, he still attended many events and represented the town."

Mr Peck worked as a revenue protection officer, first with Eastern Electricity for 27 years and then for British Gas until his death.

He leaves his wife, four children and four grandchildren. His funeral will take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Monday at 10am and the family has requested any donations be made to Leukaemia Research.

Mr Peck is the fourth serving Labour councillor to die in less than a year, following the loss of Rob Eschle, Roy Collyer and Jack Jesse.

## Walk the Walk for fun way to help hospice



STEP forward the ladies of Homebase in Harlow – the latest recruits to sign up for the Midnight Walk in aid of St Clare Hospice.

The team from the DIY superstore in Edinburgh Way will join thousands of others on the hospice's first-ever 10km walk along Harlow's network of cycle paths. The event is being supported by the **Harlow Star**, our sister paper the *Bishop's Stortford Observer* and Ten-17fm.

Homebase team member Judy Dunn said this week: "We saw the walk in the **Star** and talked about doing it. We decided to get a team together and sign up."

Colleague Jeanette Egan added: "A really good friend of mine who works here recently lost her husband in St Clare. It's an important cause and we wanted to do our bit to support it, especially as they don't get much funding."

Jeanette and Judy, who both live in Harlow, agreed that the appeal was a great way of raising money for a worthy cause while having a laugh at the same time.

"If you have been reading about the walk and are thinking about getting a team together, do it," said Jeanette. "Don't just think about doing it, sign up now."

**Although the walk is not until Saturday, June 21, you need to sign up NOW as there are a limited number of places available.**



**HOME TEAM:** Left to right, Sara Russell, June King, Jeanette Egan, Kelly Raine, Sheila Rankin, Lorraine McDough, Sandra Haythorpe and Judy Dunn (photo:MSRLQNW/01)

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To take part you must be over the age of 16. Places are limited and will be allocated in the order entries are processed.

Marshals will be stationed along the route – which starts and finishes at The Water Gardens – to guide and assist participants when necessary. The Midnight Walk is accessible to wheelchair users.

The walk will be the biggest single fundraising event in the history of the hospice. Communications officer Giles Wright said: "It's amazing that each week when I visit teams taking part as they've all

experienced first hand the work of St Clare Hospice.

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## Trial set in attack case

TWO men are to stand trial before a jury charged with a hammer attack on a man in Harlow.

Daniel Lorimer was knocked unconscious and seriously hurt during the incident near Altham Grove on December 22, 2007.

Peter Osokpo (28), from East London, and Kevin Ryan (24),

from Rochford, pleaded not guilty at Chelmsford Crown Court on Monday to inflicting grievous bodily harm with intent.

The trial was set for September but could be brought forward if witness difficulties are overcome.

Osokpo and Ryan were both remanded in custody.

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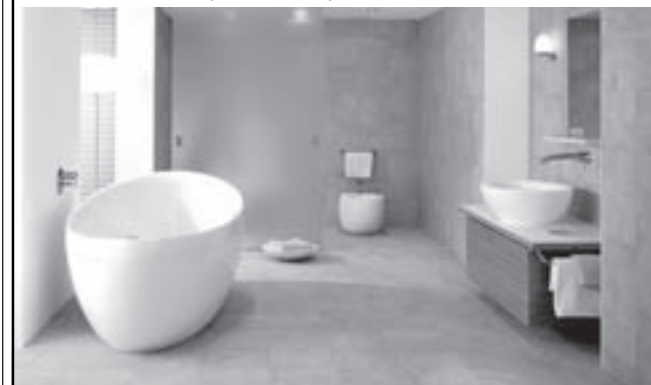
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stake here is also the wider issue of the welfare of a family who are already struggling against adversity?

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## I'll cut through cable problem

SIR, Re: *Town must still pay to get Freeview TV* (*Star*, April 3), I would remind Harlow Council that those of us who purchased a council property back in the 1970s and '80s, had to pay a fee (on top of the house purchase fee) to keep the cable system active and maintained and to ensure that we didn't break the covenant barring the erection of roof aerials.

I cannot recall how much I had to pay, but a sum of around £250 seems to jog my memory cells. In return, we were guaranteed a continuing TV service for an indefinite period.

When the council sold off the cable system to Anglia (as it was then), it was with the proviso that the TV channels would be maintained. Virgin purchased NTL, who in turn had taken over Anglia, so it is Virgin's obligation to keep up the TV service.

Now, if Virgin doesn't want to keep to their obligation, then as far as I'm concerned that's fine. I will erect a roof aerial, chop off (at each end of my property) Virgin's cables which run along the barge boards, below the gutter at the back of the houses and then they can start digging up the roads and pavements in The Hornbeams to bypass my property and we will see how much that costs them.

I would remind Virgin that NTL got away with running the new cable system along the barge boards simply because we were getting the five terrestrial channels free, so if they cut me off, I will cut them off – and I apologise to my neighbours in advance when and if I am forced to do this.

**J. Wilson**  
The Hornbeams, Harlow

## An end nigh?

SIR, When asked if they were making a bid for Harlow North to be an eco town, Ropemaker stated "that the proposal for eco towns ... only relates to free standing complete new settlements of 5-20,000 houses".

It was therefore a surprise to our campaign to see "land to the north of Harlow" in the list of bids for eco towns. The proposed development has always been pitched as an urban extension of Harlow, fully integrated with the existing town, not free-standing. Were Ropemakers trying to bypass the planning system and get fast track approval by changing their tune?

Having marketed Harlow North as "one of the most advanced environmentally sustainable developments in Europe", the rejection of their bid must have come as a shock to Ropemaker.

The Government indicated that the rejected bids were not taken forward for "being undeliverable or not ambitious enough". Ropemaker's scheme cannot be described as unambitious; it includes many of the same examples used by the Government to describe successful bids. We can only conclude that Ministers deemed Harlow North to be undeliverable.

We have argued long and hard that the multi-million pound infrastructure deficit, the lack of jobs, the environmental issues around water and sewage treatment and the destruction of the Green Belt make this development unsustainable. Over 90 per cent of the 9,000 comments received during the last public consultation opposed proposals for Harlow North. Perhaps the Government are finally listening

Schemes to the north of Harlow have now been rejected four times; Maplecroft in the early '90s, "Completing the Circle" in the late '90s, by the independent inspector at the Examination in Public in 2006 and now as an eco town.

We only await the scheme's complete

removal from the final East of England Plan when it is published this spring for the process to be complete.

**Nigel Clark**  
Secretary, STOP Harlow North  
High Street, Hunsdon

## Grand day out

SIR, Congratulations to Harlow Council and the Towncentre partnership, and especially to the new town centre manger, for a wonderful free afternoon out for all the family in the Market Square (*Animals are the town's Market Square heroes*, *Star*, April 3). The sun shone all day and we were entertained by three really good bands; an emergency replacement band who came from The Square with only a few hours' notice but started the afternoon off on a high; then came Phase 4, a band that hadn't met until they joined the Tones Music Store's Weekend Warrior experience last year but sounded as though they have been together for years; then, of course, The Animals, a great example for us older music lovers, still up there giving it all they've got and getting the whole town rocking with them. I understand they could be heard all over the town, right up to Passmores!

I hope this and the relaunch of the SquareOne Partnership is the beginning of Harlow regaining our reputation as a town for music – does anyone else remember the film they made about us as a music town in the early '60s?

Thanks again to all of those who were involved in organising and publicising a grand day out.

**Sue Spiller**  
Tones Music Store, The Rows, Harlow

## Walk-in waste

SIR, Can it be true? I read and re-read your report that West Essex Primary Care Trust are proposing to relocate the NHS Walk-in Centre (*Star*, April 3). It seems like only yesterday that considerable sums of money were spent on expanding and enhancing the Walk-in Centre at Wych Elm.

It is incomprehensible to me that highly paid managers can make such short-term decisions, especially as this decision appears to have wasted considerable sums of our money. What will happen to the existing and highly satisfactory facility? Who is accountable for wasting all this money; money that could have been used to far better effect? We should be told!

**John Curry**  
Old Orchard, Harlow

## Praise for PAH

SIR, Every paper I've picked up lately has got about how dirty some hospitals are; I want to tell you how clean Princess Alexandra is.

I spent 13 weeks in there, so I do know a bit about the place. It was very clean and the cleaning girls worked very hard. One girl worked Hoovering from morning until well into the afternoon, every day; that's not forgetting the chefs and their lovely crumbles. The nurses were very nice and friendly; clean sheets every day. The doctors were dishy and smart.

So if you have to go in there, don't be afraid. I enjoyed my stay.

**Mrs Gladys Crisp**  
Morley Grove, Harlow

## MP must listen

SIR, After reading your front page story *MP refuses to say sorry for Iraq invasion* (*Star*, March 27), I think it is about time Bill Rammell started to do what he was elected for and listen to what his constituents want, rather than doing what he wants.

It is the same on the EU referendum; he has done what he wants (voted against a referendum) not what the people elected him to do.

Listen to us, Bill, or you could be out at the next election.

**Roger Wiltshire**  
Hawthorns, Harlow

## Thanks for aid

SIR, Would you please convey my gratitude to all the people at the Bush Fair bus stop on February 19.

I collapsed, the ambulance was called, my son and daughter-in-law were contacted and, most of all, my little grandson Mitchell was so frightened but so well looked after. My grateful thanks to all concerned.

**Sylvia Creak**  
Church Leys, Harlow

## I ♥ Trustybus!

SIR, Hoorah for the new Trustybus Staple Tye to Town Centre service! On time, cheaper fares and drivers that actually stick to the speed limit. About time too!

**Becci Court**  
Paddock Mead, Harlow

## No standbys

SIR, Although I feel very sorry for the pensioners as described by Bob Edwards (*Letters*, April 3), he is living in Cloud Cuckoo Land – bus companies cannot afford the luxury of standby drivers these days.

The truth of the matter is that once Margaret Thatcher's government deregulated the buses, we had plenty of spare buses but no drivers because, unlike before deregulation when the Government stood the cost of standby drivers, the shareholders of that company want their dividend and would not tolerate waste.

If Mr Edwards ever voted Conservative, he has brought this on himself and all the pensioners in the country.

**Tony Treacher**  
Moorfields, Harlow

## Pothole appeal

SIR, I applaud you for raising awareness of the dreadful neglect Harlow's roads have been suffering.

There are many dangerous pot holes, missing or damaged street signs, dangerous footpaths and broken street lights. I am a cyclist and runner and I know all too well the danger caused by the neglect of our roads and footpaths can cause.

Most of the roads are maintained by Essex County Council, with the exception of unadopted roads and other small patches. As reported in the *Star*, Essex County Council has decided repairing our roads and footpaths is not that important anymore and that defects will need to be twice as bad before attending (only to inspect, by the way – the repair comes much later).

Harlow is one of Essex's most significant towns and therefore should have one of the largest roads and footpaths budget. I can tell you, it is not large enough. Harlow is becoming increasingly successful, attracting more businesses and more visitors. This increase in traffic warrants a doubling of that budget.

The Harlow Liberal Democrat party, like the *Harlow Star*, is so concerned about this issue that it has asked all Harlow residents to participate in a pothole campaign by entering a 'spot the pot-hole' competition.

Local Liberal Democrat councillors will be cataloguing and reporting each reported pothole and defect to the county council for action. Please visit [www.harlow.libdems.org/](http://www.harlow.libdems.org/) to enter.

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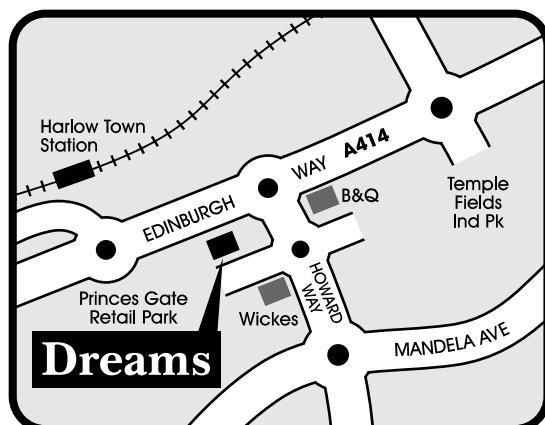


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# Robbery 'verdict' quashed

**A MAN jailed for taking a car from a terrified woman to use as a getaway vehicle has had his conviction overturned.**

Three Appeal Court judges ruled that it could not be proved Walter Mitchell had the intent to permanently deprive the woman of the car.

Mitchell (30) of Fern Hill, Harlow, denied any involvement in the offence but was found guilty of robbery at Basildon Crown Court on September 25, 2006 and subsequently jailed for four years.

On Tuesday Lord Justice Rix said the conviction was unsafe.

He said that Mitchell could have been prosecuted for a number of other offences including affray, assault and malicious damage.

The court heard that on February 22, 2005 police were involved in a high-speed chase with a white Subaru which had been linked to a number of alleged thefts from telephone boxes.

During the chase the Subaru sustained damage and it was eventually abandoned on a deserted bridlepath near a coun-

try lane in Essex.

By chance a woman was making a telephone call from her stationary BMW just yards from where the Subaru was dumped. She said at least four men smashed the windows of her car, dragged her from it and drove away in it.

Mitchell was linked to the BMW by two blood smears on the back seat. But he insisted that he had been picked up in it a short while later and had played no part in its theft or the robbery.

The BMW was abandoned a couple of miles away with its hazard lights flashing.

The court heard two other vehicles were taken in order to facilitate the gang's getaway. Both were later abandoned.

Lord Justice Rix, sitting with Mr Justice David Clarke and Judge Stephen Stewart, upheld arguments that the charge of robbery should never have been brought as the BMW was effectively used as a getaway vehicle for a short time.

The judge added that, given the nature of the criminality displayed in the case, he had reached his decision with regret but added that his hands were tied by the law.

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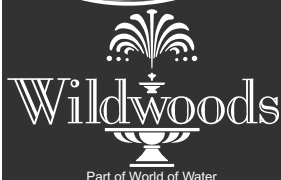
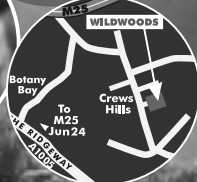
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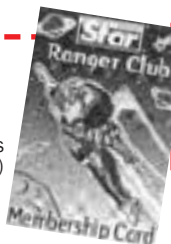
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The Royal Air Force was formed towards the end of the First World War in April 1918, under the leadership of Major General Hugh Trenchard – the man now considered 'the father of the RAF'. Before then the military's primitive aircraft had been operated by the

Army's Royal Flying Corps and the Navy's Royal Naval Air Service. But Britain quickly realised that the growing importance of air power in warfare warranted a single air force, and the RAF was born.

Two decades later RAF pilots, who became known as "The Few", turned the tide of the Second World War by winning the decisive Battle of Britain against Hitler's Germany.

But as well as reflecting on the glories of the past, military leaders have used the anniversary to look to the future and dispel doubts about whether the Royal Air Force is still relevant.

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**DATE OF BIRTH:** April 12, 1999  
**ADDRESS:** Westfield, Harlow  
**SCHOOL:** William Martin Junior School  
**HOBBIES:** Reading, playing netball, trampolining and playing on the computer  
**DISLIKES:** Tidying her room  
**FAVOURITE FOOD:** Spaghetti Bolognaise

**LEAST FAVOURITE FOOD:** Fish  
**FAVOURITE BOOK:** Fantastic Mr Fox  
**FAVOURITE TV:** Spongebob Squarepants  
**FAVOURITE MUSIC:** A little bit of everything!  
**FAMILY:** Sisters Shannon (12) and Charlie (18 months), brother Leland (five months)  
**WANTS TO BE:** A teacher

(photo: T2P47LWX/01)

## Happy Birthday

### TODAY

**EMMA** (member 675), of Bentley Drive, Harlow, is 9

### SATURDAY

**JAIMEE-LOUISE** (member 303), of Abbeydale Close, Harlow, is 11; **DANIEL** (member 245), of Tayliffers, Harlow, is 10; **AIMEE** (member 555), of Westfield, Harlow, and **GEORGIA** (member 742), of Fenton Grange, Harlow are both 9; **KATRINA** (member 340), of Sherwood House, Harlow, is 7

### SUNDAY

**KIERAN** (member 537), of Morningsons, Harlow, is 8

### MONDAY

**DANIELLE** (member 114), of The Hornbeams, Harlow, is 10; **REECE** (member 856), of Durham Close, Sawbridgeworth, is 9

## New Recruits

**TAYLER** (member 928), of Peacocks, Harlow, is 3. He enjoys playing with his toy cars and dinosaurs.

Sisters **FRANCESCA** (member 929) and **ISABEL** (member 930), of Sayesbury Avenue, Sawbridgeworth, are aged 4 and 2 respectively. Francesca likes watching TV and riding her scooter, while Isabel enjoys running in the garden.



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This week, there's a strong focus on science in two events at STEWARDS; the circus came to town at POTTER STREET PRIMARY; PARINGDON JUNIOR pupils were thinking of technologies of the future and KINGSMOOR PRIMARY showed it was definitely in the running for athletics prowess.

JIM TANFIELD  
Schoolbag reporter



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## School runs up big athletics success



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**KINGSMOOR PRIMARY:** Tired muscles and muddy trainers were the badges of honour signalling the Ployters Road school's athletic success.

The school finished first overall in the Harlow Primary Schools' Cross Country Championship, which took place at Burnt Mill and around the Town Park.

When all the accumulated points had been totted up for the different groups, Year 3 and 4 girls and boys and their fellow Year 5 and 6 counterparts, Kingsmoor learnt it had triumphed.

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**PARINGDON JUNIOR:** A vision of the future was on display at the Paringdon Road school as pupils and parents showed off their technological know-how.

As part of the school's science week, during which children learnt about circuits and servos, a special assembly was held on the theme of robotics.

Following demonstrations of robotics and animatronics, some children who had been working on projects with their parents displayed their own Robot Wars fighting creations.

A spokeswoman said: "The children enjoyed every minute of the special assembly and it's really important to get the parents in on the learning process as well."



**WE, ROBOT:** Youngsters experiment with a robotic arm

(photo: VMD9BYDG/01)

## Circus skills visit has pupils in a spin



**PLATE TIME:** Marissa Giles, left, and Kelsey Jacobs

(photo: BV9BJN3K/04)

**POTTER STREET PRIMARY:** Clowning around in the classroom was actually encouraged at the school during a special day of combining learning and fun.

Every class enjoyed the visit from Splat! circus skills group and pupils were wowed by plate-spinning, juggling and stilt-walking.

They were then taught the skills themselves and put on mini performances for their friends. Afterwards, the children went back into their year groups and learnt the science behind skills such as balancing and magnetic tricks.

Reception teacher Chris Britton said: "They thoroughly enjoyed the visit from Splat! and were awarded a certificate for their efforts at having a go at some of the skills."





## Weird science and a life on Mars!

**STEWARDS:** The appliance of science was explored and experimented with by amazed pupils.

The school's Year 10 AimHigher students organised and ran the event aimed at primary school children from throughout the town.

As many as 16 different scientific experiments and experiences could be enjoyed, including making kaleidoscopes, understanding helicopters and creating bouncing custard – there was even the chance to get hands-on with a snake.

An inflatable planetarium gave the children stars in their eyes and a better understanding of the solar system.

In total, 300 guests visited for the day, including Harlow MP and education minister Bill Rammell, who got stuck into some experiments himself.

Earlier last month, the Traces Road school was over the moon to have a star guest visit to talk about the secrets of space.

Jerry Stone presented space-themed activities to students and visiting primary school children.

During the day, the expert took students on a mission to Mars, for which they built rockets before attempting to launch them.

They also designed a planetary landing strip for an 'egg-stronaut' and tested it for impact damage, while also working out if they could survive on Mars in an emergency.

A spokeswoman said: "Science Club members were then treated to a presentation about just how big space was using inflatable planets, a rubber ball and a tape measure.

"To cap it all, Year 5 and 6 students and their parents were invited to a highly informative evening presentation on life in the universe.

"They thought it was mind-boggling and they really enjoyed it."



**BIG SCIENCE:** Above left, pictured during Mars day are, left to right, Chanelle Bright, Luvena Porter, Philippa Townsend, Billy Clark, visitor Jerry Stone, Tianna Hancock, Laura Oliver and Sophie Bushnell (photo: S22D7PFG/04); above, Luke Kitchener cooks up a batch of slime (photo: TFMCTCZT/01)

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# Family Announcements

## Deaths



### MORRIS ANDREWS

Peacefully on 1st April 2008, aged 72 years, in the Princess Alexandra Hospital

surrounded by his loving family. The beloved husband of Betty, a dear dad to May and David and a wonderful and loving grandad to Stewart, Jamie, Laura, Lisa and Emma. He will be sadly missed by all his family and many friends.

Morris' funeral service is to be held on Friday 11th April 2008, at the Harlow Baptist Church, Fore Street, Old Harlow at 1pm. Followed by interment in the Sawbridgeworth Cemetery. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for the Macmillan Nurses Fund. (Cheques made payable to MFH Charities Account). All enquiries and donations to the Funeral Directors, Masterson Funeral Home, Station Road, Old Harlow, Essex CM17 0AS. Tel: 01279 626238.

**COOPER** — Betty. On 4th April 2008, in St. Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex, aged 79 years. Widow of Les and much loved mother of Paul and Carol. Funeral Service at Hastings Crematorium on Thursday 24th April at 12.30pm. Flowers and inquiries to Arthur C. Towner Ltd., 2-4 Norman Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea, TN37 6NH. Telephone 01424 436386. Alternatively, donations in Betty's memory may be given to any charity.

### VIOLET FERRY (MUM)

Passed away suddenly 3-4-2008. You only have one Mother, patient, kind and true. No one else in the world, will mean as much to you. Treasure while you have her; the gap is hard to fill. Rest in peace my dear mum, until we meet again. Reunited with Dad after four weeks. Sleep tight Cathy and Martin

### VI FERRY

To our darling Mum. You've left a broken heart that will never heal. Your devoted daughters June and Pat.

### VI FERRY

Sleep Tight Nanny Bingo Love all your Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren

### VIOLET FERRY

Suddenly passed away at home on 3rd April 2008, aged 84 years. She will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. The funeral will take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Wednesday 16th April 2008 at 2.00pm. All enquiries to Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow. Tel: 01279 426990

### MARGARET 'PEGGY' GLOVER

Sadly passed away after a short illness on Saturday 5th April 2008, aged 78 years. Peggy will be greatly missed by all her loving family and friends. Funeral service will take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium Chapel on Wednesday 16th April 2008 at 10.00am. Immediate family flowers only please but donations made payable to 'British Heart Foundation' may be sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow. Tel: 01279 426990

### BILL GOODCHILD

Peacefully passed away on Tuesday 8th April 2008, aged 84 years. The dearly loved father of Melvyn, Janet and Linda. He was a much loved Grandad and Great Grandad.

The funeral service is to take place on Friday 18th April 2008 at Parndon Wood Crematorium, Harlow at 3.30pm. Flowers and all enquiries to Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow. Tel: 01279 426990

### VANESSA ANN JONES

3rd May 1953 - 3rd April 2008 Our beloved Vanessa, wife of Keith; mother of Robert and Peter, passed away peacefully on 3rd April in the North Middlesex Hospital.

Will be fondly remembered by friends and colleagues at the Griffin Bowls Club and the Post Office.

Service at Parndon Wood Crematorium at 12.00 noon on Monday 14th April, followed by a reception at Griffin Bowls Club. Family flowers only please.

Donations to: Macmillan Cancer Relief or Cancer Research UK, c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, Harlow, 01279 426990.

### VANESSA ANN JONES

Greatly loved daughter of Kay and Ted Lawes; sister to Richard and Michael; auntie to Graham, Lydia, Amelia and William; cousin to Martin Sheville. Forever in our hearts



### SYDNEY HERBERT KEELING

Suddenly on 28th March 2008, at the Barnsley General Hospital, aged 83 years. The dear dad to Denise, Trevor and Sydney, grandad to James and Adrian, great grandad to Elliot and a dear friend to Doreen. He will be sadly missed by all his loving family and many friends. Syd's funeral service is to be held on Wednesday 16th April 2008, at St Mary and St Hugh Church, Churchgate Street, Old Harlow at 1.30pm followed by cremation at Parndon Wood Crematorium.

Flowers, or donations if desired, for the British Heart Foundation or Macmillan Nurses Fund. (Cheques made payable to MFH Charities Account). All enquiries, flowers and donations to the Funeral Directors, Masterson Funeral Home, Station Road, Old Harlow, Essex CM17 0AS. Tel: 01279 626238.

### JOHN LOWE

Passed away peacefully, after a long illness, on Monday 31st March 2008, aged 81 years.

A dearly loved friend who will be sadly missed by everyone who knew him.

Funeral service to take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Thursday 17th April 2008 at 12.00 noon. Flowers or donations made payable to 'St Clare Hospice Trust' may be sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow.

Tel: 01279 426990.

### JOHN LUSTY

Aged 74 Passed away peacefully at home in the care of his family. A special Husband and loving Father, always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts. Elizabeth, Karen and Paul.

The funeral will take place at Harefield Church, Harlow, on Tuesday 15th April 2008 at 3pm.

All enquiries to Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow. Telephone 01279 426990.

### GREG PECK

6-7-47 - 4-4-08

You carried the greatest burden of all, yet you were my strength through your long hard battle.

Always in my heart Your loving wife Kath.

The service will take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium at 10.00am on Monday 14th April. Flowers or donations to Leukaemia Research via Daniel Robinson, Wych Elm. 01279 426990

### KEN WARD

A loving Husband and Dad died peacefully in Royal Free Hospital on 29th March 2008, aged 56.

Funeral service to take place on 16th April at 12.30 at Parndon Wood Crematorium.

Flowers welcome or donations made payable to "British Liver Trust", c/o Daniel Robinson, Wych Elm, Harlow. 01279 426990

### RICHARD CHARLES EGERTON

Recalling happiness and memories on your April Birthday, and wishing if only this could be reality today.

Missing and loving you, my darling brother, forever. Sister Iris xxx

### JACQUELINE GARVEY

One year has passed since you left me but in my heart you will always stay. Love and miss you my darling. Love always Mum

## In Memoriam

\*\*\*\*\*  
\* **KEVIN BAXENDALE** \*  
\* **9th April** \*  
\* Remembering you \*  
\* with love on your \*  
\* 40th Birthday. \*  
\* Sara, James \*  
\* and Carolyn \*  
\* XXXX \*  
\*\*\*\*\*

CEELY. — Arthur. 12.04.07 Much missed and loved. Husband, Dad and Grandad. xx

### GREGORY PECK

6-7-47 - 4-4-08

Our dearest Dad/Grandad, you will be in our hearts forever.

You never gave up. Your strength and courage is a credit to us all and you kept us strong throughout. We are so proud of you.

Our Oracle. Love forever, Darren, Lisa, Steven, Robert, Daryl, Laura, Sam, Harry, Ben and Katie

### GREGORY PECK

Died 4th April 2008 You lost the battle, you fought so hard, now peace and quiet, will miss you so. Love Mum, Ron and family

### COX BETTY EF

12th April, 2007 A lovely mum and nan, who is missed by each and every one of us all the time. Gone but never forgotten. Reg, Jacqui, Ivor, Chantal, Gary, Terry, Sue, George, Tony, Chris, Dianne, and all the many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

### ANTHONY LEAR

Sadly taken from us 10.4.06. Dearly loved Dad and Grandad. Always in our hearts. Love Carol, Andy, Donna, Kerry xx

### GAIL NEEDHAM

Wife, Mum and Grandmother. We all love and miss you as much as ever. You will never be forgotten. Love you always, from Dave and all the family including new additions. xxx

SHORT. — Ivy. Your birthday on 12 April Mum. It brings back happy memories. Love Maureen and family. x

WILKINSON. — Edie. 15th April 2005. Another year has passed since you were taken from us, you're always in our thoughts. Love Doug and family.

## Return Thanks

### TREVOR HAYDEN DAVIES

Julie and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their overwhelming kindness and support at this sad time. Also for the cards, beautiful flowers and donations to the 'Mesothelioma Research Fund'.

It was really lovely to see so many of Trevor's friends, it helped make a very sad day a special goodbye to a wonderful and much loved man. Also sincere thanks to St Clare Hospice, Alan Peacock and Daniel Robinson.

### BERTIE LITTLE

The family of Bertie wish to thank everyone for their generous donations and cards. Thanks to everyone at St. Mary's Matching and also to everyone at The Fox who made his farewell so memorable.

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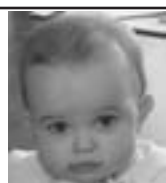


**10th Birthday****LOOK WHO'S 10  
GEORGE  
EPHGRAVE  
(EPHY)**

Happy Birthday our  
Lil Hero.  
Double figures Lil Man.  
Love us all!

**LOOK WHO'S 10!****OLIVER SAMUEL  
WILLCOX**

Hey 007, have a great  
birthday, April 15th.  
Love Auntie Viv and  
Sir Puds.

**ELLA  
DYSON**

15th April  
To our beautiful daughter  
Ella, have a wonderful 1st  
Birthday darling and enjoy  
your party.  
Lots of love hugs and  
kisses always Mummy &  
Daddy xxx

**PIERCY**

Happy 21st Bruv  
Love  
Lucy and Karl  
xxx

**40th Birthday****KEVIN  
SHEPHERD**

Happy 40th Birthday  
Love from Anita,  
Jamie and Mark xx

**LOOK WHO'S 50  
IAN BARKER**

Happy  
Birthday  
15th April.  
Lots of love  
Mum  
and  
Dad  
xx

**70th Birthday****JAN  
THOROGOOD**

Wishing a  
wonderful mum  
and nan a very  
happy 70th  
With all our love  
from all the family  
xxx

**NEVILL :  
TYNE**

**GARY and CARA**  
Congratulations on  
your Wedding  
12th April  
All our love Nannie  
Sylv and Grandad  
Peter x

**16th Birthday****ZARA BOITTIER**

Sweet sixteen  
and still has a  
soft spot for  
Ben and Jerry's!  
Happy birthday  
Zara.  
With love from  
Mum, Dad,  
Sam, Freya, Zac  
and Aphra  
xxxxxx

**20th Birthday****LOOK WHOSE NO  
LONGER A TEENAGER  
14.4.08  
HELEN  
SQUIRES**

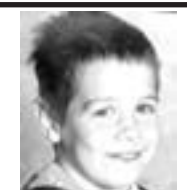
Have a great 20th.  
Love you millions.  
Danal x  
Deb x and Keith x

**PIERCY**

Steven, happy 21st  
Birthday on the  
10th April.  
Love Mum and Dad  
xxx

**30th Birthday****21st Birthday****Happy Birthday  
JORDAN  
JAMES  
BAKER**

14th April  
All our love,  
Mum, Karl,  
Carly, Jessica &  
Alfie x

**RUAIRI  
FEARON**

30 At Last!  
Love always from  
Nicky Fearon  
xxx

**FEARON.** — Ruairi.  
Happy 30th Birthday to  
our special son. Lots of  
love always, Mum, Dad,  
Dan and Emma. xxx

**50th Birthday****PAULINE  
ALLEN**

Mum/Nanny Controller  
Happy 50th  
Have a good  
weekend in Paris.  
Love Hayley, Phil,  
Stephen, Dhani  
and Tyler xxx

**ALLYN CHARLES  
11.04.58**

The Man From  
U.N.C.L.E. reaches  
“50”  
only this time the  
destination isn't  
Egypt, it's Barcelona!  
Happy Birthday.  
Enjoy the trip.  
With all my love  
Linn.  
xx

**75th Birthday****TONY  
THORNTON**

Congratulations on  
your 75th Birthday,  
12th April 2008.  
Lots of love Simone,  
Natasha, Alastair and  
Andrew xx

**NEVILL :  
TYNE**

**GARY and CARA**  
Congratulations on  
your Wedding 12/04/08  
Love u both loads  
Mum, Dad, Daniel,  
Zoe and Lucy x

**18th Birthday****JOE  
BARTON**

Happy 18th Birthday  
13.4.08.  
Love from  
Mum, Dad and Anna

**SIMON  
JENNER**

Happy 18th Birthday.  
Lots of love.  
Mum, Dad and  
Kathryn.  
xxx

**KELLY  
GOODMAN**

Happy 18th Birthday  
With all our love. From  
Mum, Dad, Vanessa, Ian  
and Jason xxx

**LAUREN  
WRIGHT  
(CLARKE)**

Happy 18th Birthday.  
Have fun at your party.  
You have ID at last!!  
Love always Mum,  
Mark and girls

**CHLOE  
GIFFORD**

Belated 21st wishes for  
the 7th April  
Hope you enjoyed Rome  
Love Mum, Chris, Kirsty,  
Mike and Nan June xx

**LOOK WHO'S 30!****ANDREW  
NOAKES**

To my better half,  
Happy Birthday.  
Love your girl Dawn.

**LINDY LOU**

Still Nifty at Fifty.  
Happy 50th  
Birthday.  
Love from all  
the family  
xxx

**LOOK WHO'S 60  
ANGIE BECKWITH  
14th April**

Happy 60th Birthday to  
a great Wife, Mum  
and Nanny.  
Have a wonderful  
60th Birthday.  
All our love from Billy,  
Bill, Andrea and Charlie,  
Alan and Kellie, Alanna  
and Ruby, David, Tom  
and Fran and Daniel  
xxxxxx

**KIT  
KNIGHT**

Looking brilliant at 80  
Happy Birthday,  
12th April  
From all the family

**CARA  
and GARY**

Wishing you every  
happiness on your  
Wedding Day,  
12th April 2008.  
Love to you both.  
Mum and Dad.

**1st Birthday****MAKAYLA  
CRAME**

Happy 1st Birthday angel  
for the 9th April  
Lots and lots of hugs and  
kisses. Love from mummy  
and daddy xXx

**To our special little  
angel  
MAKAYLA**

Happy 1st Birthday  
Lots of hugs and kisses  
Nanny Lyn and Gerry  
xXx

**NATHALIE  
HAINES**

Happy 21st  
Birthday on  
14th April  
All my love  
Mum xxx

**ANDREW 'DRU'  
NOAKES**

Look who's 30  
Congratulations  
Love Mum, Dad, Amanda,  
Paul and Girls, Tracey, Girls  
and Nick + T. UNIT and  
all the family xxx

**ALLYN  
CHARLES**

"Can't believe the  
poodle is 50"  
Have a great Birthday.  
Love Martin, Viv, Paul,  
Teresa and families

**LOOK WHO'S 60  
JOSE JONES**

It's time for that  
bus pass.  
Wishing you a  
Happy Birthday  
for the 15th April.  
Lots of love from  
Mum, Martin,  
Sian, Ian, Katie,  
Maggie, Baz,  
Colleen, Kirsty  
and Sox xxxxx

**6th Birthday****To our baby Girl  
KATARINA DANA  
SUKIC**

Happy 1st  
Birthday  
Angel  
With all our  
love Mama,  
Tata and  
Sacha xxx

**MARK  
JARVIS**

Happy 21st  
Have a great day.  
All my love always  
x Gem x

**COLIN  
PORTER**

Look Who's 30  
Happy Birthday Colin.  
Love from Mum and Dad,  
Sharon, Chloe and Scotty,  
Debi and Jessie  
and Steven xxxxx

**ALLYN  
CHARLES**

Happy Birthday Poodle  
From Batman,  
The Gibbon, Fizzer,  
Budgerigar, Martin,  
Teresa, Annie, Emily  
and Sam

**ZETA EVANS  
6 YEARS**

Happy  
Birthday  
Little  
Precious.  
Lots of love  
from Fo-Fon,  
Nana Dianne  
and Mummy.

**CONGRATULATIONS  
CARA AND  
GARY**

on your Wedding  
Day  
12th April 2008  
Wishing you both  
every happiness.  
Love from Nan,  
Grandad, Leigh,  
Michael and  
family.  
John, Michaela  
and family

**Thankyou  
JOSIE  
WRIGHT**

80th Surprise  
Birthday Party  
held at The  
Hunters Meet.  
Many thanks to  
Adrian, Malcolm,  
Duncan and families  
for a lovely day.  
Love always Mum.

**Golden  
Wedding**

**DOROTHY  
and ROY  
BRINKWORTH**  
Congratulations Mum  
and Dad, Grandma  
and Grandad on your  
Golden Wedding  
Anniversary  
12th April 2008.  
all our love  
Carol, Richard, Linda,  
Emily, Alice, Edward,  
Thomas, Robert and  
"Tilly" xxx

**Marriage  
Congratulations****GARY and  
CARA**

12-4-08  
To our best cousin  
Gary, well done on  
finding Cara  
Have a great day  
Love Jack, Rianna  
and Louie.

**Personal  
Thanks**



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## Store's charity effort a boost for Macmillan

STAFF at Harvey Centre store Bon Marche did their bit for charity when they encouraged customers to enter a prize draw in aid of Macmillan Cancer Relief.

The three-day event for which staff had donated prizes raised £150 for the cause.

Manager Sue Chappell said she was delighted with the support from customers and added: "We had such a good time and are amazed at the amount raised."

The money takes the shop's fundraising total for Macmillan up to £1,100 in the past year.

Harvey Centre manager Bryan Young added: "The Harvey centre is always keen to support charitable causes and we are proud of our tenants and their staff whose commitment and enthusiasm to what ever they do are a credit to themselves and the community."

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## Fight recession over breakfast

A NETWORKING breakfast focusing on making businesses recession-proof is being held by Harlow and District Chamber of Commerce.

Nick Mayhew from Price Bailey will identify key issues to help businesses tackle tougher times.

The event is at the Park Inn Hotel, in Southern Way, Harlow, on May 14 at 8am, priced at £10 plus VAT for members and £15 plus VAT for non-members. For a place call, 0845 685 0010.

## Spice Master is on sound form

AN Indian restaurant was transformed into a temporary dance studio when a covers group sang and danced their way through 90 minutes of chart hits for charity.

Three members of Hi-Impact put on two shows for customers at Spice Master, in Commons Road, Harlow on March 13 at the fundraising dinner and auction in aid of Harlow Stroke Support Group. The event raised £300.

# Portrait success is a matter of locations

**A FORMER banking executive turned photographer has branched out to set up a business which delivers portrait photography with a difference.**

Sue Kennedy, *pictured right*, who has a studio at Harlow's Parndon Mill and has been successful in landscape photography after quitting the world of interest rates six years ago, has launched a new business to capture people's best sides on location.

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But for smaller babies who are more comfortable being photographed in the warm, she has transformed her recently acquired bigger studio into a cosy venue suitable for their first time in front of the camera.

By **LOUISE SASSOON**  
News Editor  
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"I've always loved photography and my decision to capture people's portraits outside on location and at locations to suit the client developed from my passion for landscape and travel photography," said the 36-year-old, of Chelsea Gardens, Harlow.

"I find families are more relaxed in their home environment – and if they are relaxed, I am going to capture better pictures."

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## Bathstore makes a big splash for its birthday



**TAPPING IN!:**  
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Jeremy  
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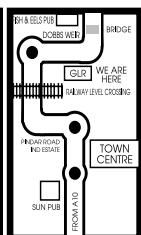
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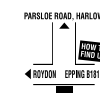
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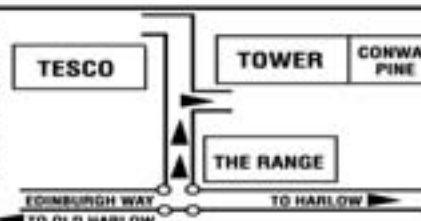
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# Landlord Alf's 60th is a big week to remember

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The non-stop entertainment has been running on back-to-back evenings as the Hobtoe Road pub celebrates the birthdays of landlord Alf Raine, two members of staff and two of its most loyal customers.

Drinkers are yet to be treated to live sets from local favourites Mashed and Fubar, while the pub's famous karaoke nights will give those with enough Dutch courage the chance to take the mic' themselves.

Mr Raine, who celebrates his 60th birthday today (Thursday), told the **Star**: "It's been a tremendous week for everyone here at the pub – we've had some fantastic entertainment and we're looking forward to even more as the week draws to a close."

"We're going to have a big old bash tonight for my birthday, so come on down and join in with the celebrations!"

Mr Raine is pictured, *far right*, having a birthday drink with friends and regulars at the pub.



(photo: J3T97ZLB/01)

# Thieves steal lead from town museum

**A JOINT police and council investigation is under way after thieves twice stole lead from the roof of The Museum Of Harlow, leaving rainwater to flood into the facility.**

The incident is the latest to be reported in the town which, like others in the country, has had buildings targeted by opportunist crooks hoping to cash in on rising

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scrap metal prices.

The Muskham Road museum is thought to have been first hit on March 25, when lead was stripped from the roof gullies during the night.

Harlow Council chiefs only realised the scale of the damage when heavy rain fell several days later and soaked

an office area.

The situation worsened after thieves struck again on March 31, taking more lead and requiring a temporary repair to the roof felt.

Surveyors are still to conduct a thorough check which will reveal the full extent of the damage.

Fortunately, no historical artefacts were damaged by the heavy rainfall but the council is now seeking to install CCTV at the museum to stave off further attacks.

Museum education officer Claire Hooper said: "The museum is protected inside by an alarm system but the thefts have occurred on the outside of the building."

"It is business as usual at the museum and activities have not been affected. The museum has been busy this week with children enjoying activities for the spring break, with more planned to take place next week."

Anybody with information should call Harlow police on 0300 333 4444.



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## Roar experience with library dinosaurs



**CHILDREN** made T-rex to go and see dinosaurs when Harlow Library opened its doors for a day inspired by the prehistoric beasts.

Eager participants could enjoy fossil-rubbing and a dinosaur trail before having the chance to learn more about the creatures during story time.

Sunday's event at the Broad Walk library also saw children meet the king of the

**T-REXTASY!:** Jack (12) and Megan (9) Baldwin and cousin Noah Owen (2) meet T-rex (photo: BNL3FYWC/03)

reptiles, Tyrannosaurus Rex – well, a cardboard cut out of it!

Library manager Darren Smart said: "We had over 400 children attend in two hours on a Sunday, so we were very pleased with how things went."

## SAWBRIDGEWORTH & SPELLBROOK ANNUAL TOWN'S MEETING

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# the guide



## FIELD OF SCREAMS

George Clooney is on both sides of the camera for his screwball football comedy

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### arts diary

**MUSIC** Harlow's very own jazz drumming legend John Petters performs tomorrow (Friday) at The Playhouse as part of national tour *Swinging Down Memory Lane*. Benny Goodman, Bing Crosby and Gerswin numbers make up some of the fun which kicks off at 8pm. Tickets are £14 (£12 concs) from (01279) 431945.

**BALLET** A corps of female dancers from Russia with a minimum weight of 110kg are appearing in the *Big Ballet* on Saturday at The Playhouse, 7.30pm. The show tries to break down the audience's notions of ballet tradition and perceived snobbery. Tickets are £17.50 from (01279) 431945.

**DANCE** Up to 180 youngsters from the Brat Pack Theatre School will be performing at The Playhouse, from Sunday to Wednesday at 7.30pm, dancing to rhythms ranging from Sinatra to the Spice Girls. Tickets are £12.50 (£10.50 children) from (01279) 431945.

**ART** Former Burnt Mill School teacher Richard Brown exhibits his paintings and drawings at St John's Arts and Recreation Centre, off Market Street, Old Harlow, from tomorrow (Friday) until April 26. For more information, call the centre on (01279) 44247.

**DRAMA** Harlow Theatre Company hope eyes will be streaming from laughter and not a seasonal allergic reaction in its next production. From April 24-26, Noel Coward's farcical comedy of manners *Hay Fever* will be presented at Old Harlow's Victoria Hall Theatre, in Bury Road. For tickets, call (01279) 420062.

# Ballet corps dancing to professional standards

## REVIEW

**THE EMPEROR AND THE NIGHTINGALE, LES SYLPHIDES, EBB TIDE & E-MOTIVE**

Harlow Ballet Association, The Playhouse

**THE** last time I saw *Les Sylphides* was by the European National Ballet at the Theatre of Herod Atticus, and while The Playhouse cannot compete with an ancient theatre in Athens for ambiance, the dancing was in no way inferior.

I had to constantly remind myself that these were not professionals. The corps de ballet was at times a little ragged but they swiftly corrected any small errors.

We were fortunate enough to see Natasha Jones and Joel Goodman in the *pas de deux*, and what strength that young man displays.

The last part of the evening's entertainment consisted of two modern ballets, giving us a marvellous display of graceful strength and amazing control; alright, I did see one mistake, but let's not be picky.

The choreography by Michael Branwell in the headline act fitted the music of Rimsky Korsakov like a glove, providing parts to suit all abilities. It seems unfair to single out one or two dancers from such a large cast but special mention must



**TALENT:** The young cast of HBA's feast of ballet at The Playhouse (s)

be made of Harriet Bellieu-Cruse as the Jack in a Box, and Rosie Menhinick as the Mechanical Nightingale.

Sophie Hull and Hannah Mehew as the Arabian Dolls are two skilful young people who I am sure are destined for higher things; their confidence and élan were delightful to see. In Joel Goodman, HBA have an extremely talented young man who not once stepped out of character nor lost

concentration.

Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for George Hunt as the Emperor; he displayed neither stage presence nor vitality and threw away what could have been an impressive part.

I hope, very much, that this ballet will be revived at some future date, as it bears watching again and again. A thoroughly good entertainment.

Rosemary Caswell

## Doubt over theatre appeal

PEOPLE fighting for a much-loved theatre in Old Harlow have appealed to County Hall to clarify what they need to do to save it.

Friends of Bury Road's Victoria Hall Theatre believed that raising £100,000 by next December would be enough to purchase the lease from Essex County Council, which wants to sell the venue.

But after huge fundraising efforts and £40,000 in the bank, campaigners believe the county is unsure exactly much is needed and by when to save the volunteer-run theatre.

Caroline Petherbridge, pictured right, set up a fund for the Victoria Hall Performing Arts Association in memory of her friend and theatre regular Johnny Wong, who died in a car crash last year, and has raised a lion's share of the fund to date.

"The fundraising is going really well but we are not really sure what the situation is at this moment as we are being told different things," she said.

"It may be as much as £150,000 needed or we may have longer to raise money and use what we have as an initial payment."

County council deputy leader Peter Martin said negotiations regarding the proposed sale are ongoing and added: "It is, therefore, not appropriate at this time to discuss the details in public."



"In terms of timescale, however, it should be made clear that the building was officially declared surplus to the needs of the county council in 2005 but the amateur dramatic group were offered a three-year lease, thus providing time for them to raise funds to buy it.

"This arrangement extends until December 2008 and we would hope by that time to have reached a conclusion which is satisfactory to all parties."

Mrs Petherbridge confirmed all the money raised via direct donations will be repaid if the target is not reached; the rest, including tickets for fundraising shows, will go towards other charities nominated by the organisers.

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# Football tactics handy for off-field romancing



**BALL BOY:** George Clooney stars in the period American football comedy *LEATHERHEADS* (s)

**HOLLYWOOD'S Mr Versatile** directs and stars in this screwball sporting comedy set against the backdrop of America's nascent pro-football league in the roaring '20s.

But George Clooney may have scored an own goal in his bid to secure success here in the UK, given that people this side of the pond have little time for bolshy, bastardised versions of sports we invented.

He plays Dodge Connolly, a charming but brash football hero who is determined to guide his team from bar brawl obscurity to packed-out stadiums.

## LEATHERHEADS

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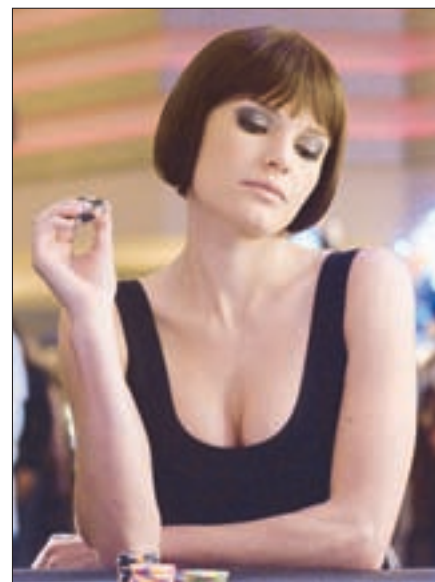
But when the players lose their sponsor and the entire league faces almost certain collapse (these were the halcyon days before sports had to march to the ad-man's tune, after all), he convinces former college football star Carter Rutherford (John Krasinski) to join his dispirited ranks.

The new recruit seems perfect – an all-American war hero who single-handedly forced multiple German soldiers to surrender in WWI, Carter has dashing good looks and unparalleled speed on the field – but fledgling hack Lexie Littleton

(Renée Zellweger in neurotic mode) thinks he's simply too good to be true.

Suspecting there are gaping holes in Carter's war story, she starts to dig around and soon has the two team mates squaring-up to each other off (and on) the field for her fickle affections.

With the new game of pro-football becoming less like the simple sport he loves as its popularity increases, Dodge faces a battle to stamp out the in-fighting which blights his team while doing anything he can to win over the girl of his dreams. Soon discovering that love and football have surprisingly similar tactics, however, he begins to formulate a seemingly unbeatable play that he may just save for extra-time.



**CLASS-INO:** Kate Bosworth stars as one of the young card-sharps in the gambling caper *21* (s)

## Trouble on the cards for scam hitting casino

21

certificate 12A, running time 2h 3m

THE remarkable true story (albeit somewhat exaggerated) of how four nerdy teens took the fat cat casinos of Vegas for millions of dollars, this is a must for all daydreaming card sharps.

Jim Sturgess plays Ben Campbell, a brilliant mathematics student who should be on his way to medical school at Harvard were it not for the fact he's a bit skint.

Rather than apply for a hugely competitive scholarship, he naturally decides the only way forward is to get in on a secretive card-counting scam orchestrated by his genial yet profoundly criminal lecturer, Mickey Rosa (Kevin Spacey on autopilot).

The tricky teacher has a gang of bright young maths whizzes working the blackjack tables for him and has earned himself a nice little nest egg in the process, but none of his team have quite the same potential – nor are they as desperate – as young Benjamin.

Much money and high jinks ensue, with Ben's inevitable and impossibly attractive love interest coming in the well-rounded form of Kate Bosworth.

But it's not long before casino boss Laurence Fishburne cottons on to the tricksters' methods.

With all the glitz and glamour of the *Ocean's* ... films and the depth of a paddling pool, this is great popcorn cinema – just don't expect anything particularly meaningful to happen during its over-long running time.

## sound check live review with Chris Moss

CLUB Quattroz is no longer a glitzy R&B club for the perma-tan bling brigade, and never was this more evident than on the fledgling venue's biggest night yet.

The remarkable transformation from an era of diamante drudgery to its new incarnation as a satisfyingly sweaty rock 'n' roll snakepit almost complete, the club put on an ambitious display of its newfound eclecticism.

And with a thrilling line-up from the gutter-to-the-stars poetics of everyman hero Gazzy Roxx to the primal garage-punk howl of next-big-things No Nothings, what a night it was.

The Stolen Coda proved once again they are one of the tightest, most technically gifted bands on the local circuit with their breathless take on Hendrix jamming with Funkadelic, while whimsical tykes The Brights gave

a soulful performance of shimmering indie-pop.

Headliners No Nothings are probably the venue's biggest coup yet, and there was more than enough in a blistering set of ear-bleedingly brilliant buzzsaw garage to suggest they're heading for front-page NME ubiquity soon.

But the crowd really belonged to the aforementioned Mr Roxx, an endearingly shambolic punk-poet who won over an initially indifferent audience with his unique brand of starkly comic paens to Essex girls, Arriva buses and North Weald Market. With hellraising, *Big Brother*-bothering punks Towers Of London just confirmed for a date in June, Quattroz seems unprepared to give in to the looming rebirth of The Square – for all lovers of live music out there, that can only be a very good thing.

## gig guide

### TONIGHT

**CHEQUERS**, Market Street, Old Harlow – Paul Howard

**SHARK**, Hobtoe Road, Harlow – Triple X

### FRIDAY

**THE CROWN**, Market Street, Old Harlow – Soul Fingers

**SQUARE**, Fourth Avenue, Harlow – Damaged Gods, Anti Kid, The Pressure

**OLD HARLOW CRICKET CLUB**, Chippingfield, Old Harlow – The Heaters

**SHARK**, Hobtoe Road, Harlow – Mashed

**PURPLE EMPEROR**, Momples Road, Harlow

– Triple X

### SATURDAY

**SHARK**, Hobtoe Road, Harlow – Fubar

**CHEQUERS**, Market Street, Old Harlow – Verna

**BURNT MILL SNOOKER & SOCIAL CLUB**, Edinburgh Way, Harlow – Old School

**HORNS AND HORSESHOES**, Foster Street, Harlow – Shady Deal

**THE WHITE ADMIRAL**, Ward Hatch, Harlow – Two Of Hearts

### SUNDAY

**HEMNALL SOCIAL CLUB**, Hemnall Street, Epping – Hayden

## CD reviews by Louise

### THE ODD COUPLE

Gnarls Barkley (album, Warner)

An album which suffers severe second release syndrome, this would be a complete disaster but for the just-about-bearably-catchy *Run*. Having 13 tracks proves to have been a very unlucky omen in this case, as nearly every one features complex arrangements which leave the listener with a questioning frown instead of a smile. This genre is intended to be off the wall but the funky and fun Gnarls Barkley to whom we all tapped our feet and sang along in the past does not feature here.

### ACRES OF DEAD SPACE CADETS

Elle Milano (album, Brighton Electric)

Apparent influences jump to mind when listening to this, but they are so many and varied that it would be meaningless to list them. They call themselves "intelligent pop" but in truth their sound is impossible to sum up in any concise way that does them justice. Suffice it to say, this record is outstanding and the Brighton three-piece behind it are undoubtedly one of the most startlingly original and gifted guitar bands to emerge in years.



also showing

**SON OF RAMBOW.** Brilliant coming-of-age comedy set against the backdrop of an endless English summer during which a group of school friends decide to make their own version of Sylvester Stallone's action blockbuster *Rambo: First Blood II*, armed only with a primitive camcorder and seemingly endless buckets of enthusiasm.

**NEVER BACK DOWN.** Testosterone-drenched fight flick where the new kid at college has to stumble through every action-movie cliché imaginable in order to get respect and win the prom queen's heart.

**DR SEUSS' HORTON HEARS A WHO!** Fantastic CG animated comedy in which an existentialist good-natured elephant must help save the inhabitants of a microscopic world from looming disaster, adapted from the book by kids' favourite Dr Seuss.

**27 DRESSES.** Perpetual bridesmaid Katherine Heigl gets fed up with playing second fiddle at all her mates' weddings and decides to try to get hitched herself.

**STEP UP 2: THE STREETS.** The Bard's *Romeo And Juliet* gets a hip-hop makeover as two star-crossed lovers from opposite sides of the tracks overcome prejudice by dancing a lot.

**THE SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES.** Three siblings discover a magical world on their own doorstep after moving to a creepy old mansion with their mum in this superior children's fantasy adventure.

**ENCHANTED.** Fairytales collide with reality when a mythical princess is sent to the real world by an evil queen, changing her perceptions of love and life.

**FRED CLAUS.** Santa's bitter older brother comes to stay and ends up jeopardising his saintly sibling's toy business.

**THE GOLDEN COMPASS.** Sumptuous fantasy in which a precocious young girl must go on a globe-trotting adventure to save her friends from being used as guinea pigs for a series of sinister experiments.

Paul Newman reviews a selection of the latest releases on DVD

# Hitman misses the target too often

**HITMAN**  
(20th Century Fox, 15, retail & rental)

When it comes to adapting hit video games for the big screen, Hollywood once more shows itself incapable of finding its backside in the dark with a brace of magnums and a night-vision 'scope. *Hitman: Silent Assassin* is one of the better fusions of stealth and shoot-'em-up gaming, with the mysterious hired killer Agent 47 armed to the teeth for a series of bloody globe-trotting assignments in which he creeps around quietly picking off targets and assuming their identities as he works ever-closer to the main kill. But what works in a game can look startlingly silly in a movie and 47, decked out in a razor-sharp black suit, white shirt and red tie, bald and with a barcode tattooed on the back of his head, stands out as glaringly as a lap-dancer on the Haj. *Deadwood*'s Timothy Olyphant certainly looks the part and does a fair job of instilling a little personality in the character, but is let down by a script that would have been better off aping the game more closely instead of pitching 47 into a story in which he finds himself hunted by his fellow elite assassins, Interpol and the Russian military, while discovering an alarming capability for emotional involvement. Director Xavier Gens pulls off some tightly edited gunplay, but this *Hitman*'s mostly firing blanks  
*Star rating: ★★*

**THE SARAGOSSA MANUSCRIPT**  
(Mr Bongo Films, 15, retail)

This sprawling 1965 Polish oddity is something of a minor masterpiece, fully deserving the cult status which has seen it championed by David Lynch and Luis Bunuel, with Martin Scorsese and the late Grateful Dead head Jerry Garcia even putting their hands in their pockets to help restore it. Director Wojciech Has crafts a real curate's egg of Jan Potocki's novel, starting with the titular book being found in a tavern by rival soldiers in the Napoleonic Wars, who swiftly put aside their differences as they become engrossed in the tale it contains. And what a tale it is, as the gallant Captain Alphonse Van Worden (Zbigniew Cybulski) determines to take the shortest possible route through the mountains, scoffing at the superstitions of his companions only to find himself ensnared in a riddle of ghosts and shifting realities in a rundown inn. In the midst of the forbidden mountainous landscapes, he dallies with two Islamic princesses, tangles with the horrors of the Inquisition, is given guidance by a hermit priest and the unbalanced goatherder who lives with him, encounters a cabalist and hears tales within tales, each morning inexplicably awaking beneath the gallows of two decaying sibling bandits.

The moody monochrome photography is a pleasure, simply dripping with atmosphere, and the acting is uniformly excellent, but it's the film's playful way with narrative that spellbinds; Alphonse is already at one remove, in flashback via the manuscript, and the film has no problem shimmering back into the stories he's being told, only to step back again to the stories told within those, and so on ... Erotic, spooky, humorous and surreal, its three hours slip by unnoticed as the viewer becomes wholly absorbed and entranced in this strange world.  
*Star rating: ★★★★★*



**BACK TO NORMANDY**  
(Tartan Video, 15, retail)

Nicholas Philibert follows up his touching documentary *Être Et Avoir* with another quietly contemplative slice of life, here returning to the small Normandy village where in 1975 he was part of film crew which involved local residents in the dramatisation of a notorious 1835 murder. But whereas his earlier film was a gentle, heart-warming and very accessible affair, this comes across as more of an exercise in film studies, although it's none the worse for it. In telling the story of how farmer's son Pierre Rivière murdered his mother, sister and brother, the original film (on which Philibert was assistant director) used local people to play the villages and profession actors for the main characters and visiting authority. Nobody was under any illusions of impending fame and here the director catches up with them 30 years on to question them about their memories of making the film, in the process capturing something of the simply joy they experienced at participating in such a project but also gleaning an insight into their attitudes and lives as they relate to the themes of the film.  
*Star rating: ★★★*

**I, PIERRE RIVIÈRE**  
(Tartan Video, 15, retail)

René Allio's *I, Pierre Rivière* is an essential companion piece to *Back To Normandy*, a blend of documentary style with historical re-enactment in a fascinating study of the psychology of a murder and its impact on a close-knit small community. Michel Foucault's exhaustive book on the case provides the basis of the simple yet creatively shot

film, yet it's Rivière's own testimony, which survived in the form of a remarkably detailed confession/biography, that proves most striking. Certainly, the amateur performances may appear a little stilted or wooden, but in a curious way this works in the film's favour when the outside professional dispensers of justice and authority arrive and the villagers' discomfort becomes quiet palpable  
*Star rating: ★★★*

**KOKODA: 39TH BATTALION**  
(Showbox Home Entertainment, 15, retail)

Based around true events and inspired by a memorial plaque dedicated to "courage, endurance, sacrifice, mateship", debut director Alister Grierson keeps the focus squarely on the personal (or, rather, personnel) in the harrowing struggle of a small outfit of volunteer Australian soldiers to hold off a large-scale Japanese invasion in Papua New Guinea in 1942. Sneered at by the regular army as 'chocos' (chocolate soldiers who'd melt in the heat of combat), the inexperienced, malnourished and desperately fatigued men of the 39th find themselves hopelessly outnumbered and outgunned in hellish conditions. An opening scene with one character rising from a pool of thick mud suggests the hallucinatory *Apocalypse Now*, but the film's immersion in the unforgiving jungle environment bears more fitting comparison to *Platoon*. Following the attempts of a small band of friends cut-off from their comrades to get back to base and help fight off the Japanese onslaught, the film pulls no punches at depicting the ravages of dysentery, fear and exhaustion, nor does it flinch from the kind of brutal atrocities casually inflicted by the enemy.  
*Star rating: ★★★*

★★★★★ unmissable   ★★★★★ very good   ★★★ good   ★★ fair   ★ don't bother

Sassoon, Ben Wilkinson and Chris Moss

**WE LEAVE AT DAWN**  
Envy & Other Sins (album A&M)

Inoffensive and unchallenging, much of this keyboard-heavy indie pop wouldn't sound out of place as incidental music on a particularly action-packed episode of *Heartbeat*. But for what it is, it isn't bad. If there is a name for that toe-tapping, smiley genre which hosts The Feeling at the more credible end and Scouting For Girls at the most atrociously anodyne, then these chaps could just take the crown. They could have spent less time on fancy artwork and given more than a measly 10 tracks though.

**PHOENIX**  
Asia (album, Frontiers)

The first '80s supergroup may be back, but who in the name of prog asked them? Now loosely resembling extras from *The Lord Of The Rings: The Twilight Years*, the rock timelords seem to have forgotten that things have moved on since the dawn

of MTV. Granted, elements of the much-maligned genre have recently resurfaced with bands such Wooden Shijps and The Mars Volta, but the last thing kids want is granddad wading in with insipid power ballads (*Heroine*) and noodling mini-epics (*Orchard Of Mines*) to show them how it was in '82.

**FABRICLIVE 39**  
DJ Yoda (album, Fabric)

Most people with the audacity to mix Run DMC's party classic *It's Tricky* with The Knack's *My Sharona* can expect to clear the dancefloor in seconds, but then cut 'n' paste maestro DJ Yoda isn't like most people. Hanging tight to the ubiquitous childhood dream of DJ superstardom fostered by childish experiments with pause/record mixes on primitive cassette decks, Duncan Beiny skilfully blends an unapologetic love of quirky pop with gritty, early '90s hip-hop and sprinkles liberally with kitsch humour and TV theme tunes.



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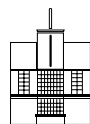
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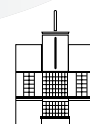
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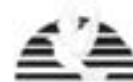
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport has made an Order on the M11 Motorway in Essex to allow for essential carriageway repairs to be carried out in safety.  
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Fixtures

**SATURDAY APRIL 12**  
Football  
**Ryman League, prem div:** Harlow Tn v Staines Tn.  
**Essex Senior League:** Southend Manor v Sawbridgeworth Tn.  
**LFC Insurance Essex Olympian League, prem div:** Epping v Kelvedon Hatch.  
**Snr div one:** Herongate v Potter Street, Roydon v Stambidge.  
**Footprint Bishop's Stortford, Stansted & District League, Prem Div Cup final:** Alemite Ath v North Weald (at Bishop's Stortford FC).  
**Prem div:** Quendon Ath v Old Street, Sheering v Birchanger, White Roding v Loughton.  
**Div one:** Albury v Dunmow Rhodes, Lower Street v North Weald res, Potter Street A v Langley Rangers, Thaxted Rangers res v Thorley Park.

Rugby  
**London & South East League, div three north east:** Diss v Harlow.  
**Essex League, div one:** Ilford Wanderers v Upper Clapton.

**SUNDAY APRIL 13**  
Football  
**Harlow & District League, Prem Div Cup final:** Great Parndon CA v Rouge Lyon (at Harlow Tn FC).  
**Prem div:** Old Town Ath v Marquis Sports.  
**Div one:** Old Townmead v Unique, Maypole Ath res v Pollard, Lindsey Street v Great Parndon CA res, Ridsden Wd res v Altham Grove.  
**Div two:** Galaxy v Rhyno Ath, FC Parkside v Eastwick Lions.  
**Div three:** Maiden v St Germaine, Brookside Ath v UG Utd.  
**Div four:** Ashfield Albion v Sewardstone Rovers, FC Flare v FC Clark.  
**Div five:** Altham Grove res v Epping Ath, Harberts Old Boys A v Matching Utd res, Rouge Lyon A v Brookside Ath res.

**TUESDAY APRIL 15**  
**LFC Insurance Essex Olympian League, prem div:** Bishop's Stortford Swifts v Epping.  
**Snr div one:** Sandon Royals v Potter Street.  
**Capital League, eastern division:** St Albans City res v Harlow Tn res.

Table

RYMAN LEAGUE						
Up to & incl Tues Apr 8						
Premier Division						
	P	W	D	L	Pt	
Chelmsford City .....	39	25	9	5	84	
AFC Wimbledon .....	39	21	8	10	71	
Staines Tn .....	37	18	12	7	66	
AFC Hornchurch .....	38	19	7	12	64	
Tonbridge Angels .....	39	17	10	12	61	
Ashford Tn (Mddx).....	38	18	6	14	60	
Hendon .....	39	16	11	12	59	
Ramsgate .....	39	16	11	12	59	
Horsham .....	39	18	5	16	59	
Billericay Tn .....	39	15	11	13	56	
Margate .....	39	15	11	13	56	
Harrow Boro' .....	39	15	7	17	52	
Harlow Tn .....	39	12	13	14	49	
Boreham Wood .....	38	15	4	19	49	
Wealdstone .....	39	13	9	17	48	
Hastings Utd .....	39	13	8	18	47	
Heybridge Swifts .....	39	11	13	15	46	
Carshalton Ath' .....	38	13	7	18	46	
Maidstone Utd .....	39	14	4	21	46	
Folkestone Invicta .....	37	12	8	17	44	
E Thurrock Utd .....	39	12	8	19	43	
Leyton .....	39	4	4	31	16	

Resignation culmination

FOLLOWING an article in the Star (3/4/08) I would like to make clear that my resignation as *Harlow Star* Youth Community Football League Development Officer had nothing to do with the League changing its name.

My decision was based on the way I believe youth football should be developed from the early stages onwards, together with differences on the way the League should be managed.

My decision was not made in haste and was a culmination of events.

**Bob Earll**

Leaders hit Epping bid to beat drop

EPPING'S battle against the drop in the senior premier division received a blow when they lost 2-0 at leaders White Ensign.

The visitors, missing a few player due to holidays and injuries, enjoyed some early pressure with striker Chris Muir causing problems.

However, Epping fell behind on the half-hour mark.

A cross from the right flank was palmed away by keeper Luke Kingston into the path of Ensign forward Mike Shelley who

Essex Olympian League round-up

tapped home.

The hosts doubled their lead five minutes later.

Epping lost the ball just outside the box and a pass found Chris Baddeley who drilled home from close range.

The visitors played attractive football without threatening in the second half.

Ensign could have grabbed a third but for an outstanding save from Kingston.

Senior division one leaders **POTTER STREET** knocked out senior premier division Mountnessing 6-5 on penalties in the third round of the Denny King Memorial Cup.

The game had finished 2-2 after extra time.

Mickey Bennett scored twice for the hosts while Warren Bennett netted a brace for Mountnessing.

THE LFC INSURANCE GROUP ESSEX OLYMPIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE						
Up to & incl Sat Apr 5						
Senior Division One						
	P	W	D	L	Pt	
Potter Street .....	21	19	0	2	54	
Ongar Town .....	22	15	4	3	49	
M & B Club .....	20	15	2	3	44	
Rayleigh Town .....	23	10	7	6	37	
Faces F C .....	21	11	3	7	36	
Old Chelmsfordians .....	24	9	5	10	35	
Ryan F.C. ....	22	9	6	7	33	
Herongate Athletic .....	22	9	5	8	32	
Roydon .....	23	8	0	15	24	
Leigh Ramblers .....	24	7	3	14	24	
Sandon Royals .....	21	6	5	10	23	
Leytonstone Utd .....	20	4	2	14	17	
Springfield .....	20	4	4	12	13	
Stambridge Utd .....	21	2	2	17	11	

Top 3 in sight for jam-busters



EAST MEN'S HOCKEY LEAGUE						
Up to & incl Sat Apr 5						
Division 4SE						
	P	W	D	L	Pt	
Havering II .....	22	16	3	3	51	
Saffron Walden II .....	22	14	2	6	44	
*Colchester II .....	21	12	2	7	37	
Harlow .....	21	11	2	8	35	
Maldon & Lt Baddow .....	22	11	2	9	34	
Upminster III .....	22	9	3	10	30	
Old Southendians II .....	22	8	5	9	29	
Witham II .....	22	7	6	9	27	
East London II .....	21	8	2	11	26	
Romford .....	22	7	4	11	25	
Havering III .....	21	8	1	12	25	
Redbridge & Ilford .....	22	1	4	17	7	

\* Pts deducted

**ALL WHITE NOW:** Harlow skipper Steve White goes on the attack against Colchester (Photo: JS3MF7KQ05)

**TRAFFIC** problems on the M11 forced Colchester to play with 10 men for the entire first half – and Harlow took full advantage to storm into an unassailable 3-0 lead.

The victory over their third-placed neighbours closed the gap to two points and Harlow will have every hope that they can still finish in the top three – if they win their last game.

If they do, there is a slim chance that they might still go up if the leagues are restructured in the summer.

Saturday's game at Passmores School was delayed by 30 minutes, before the visitors were forced to start with only 10 players.

Harlow seized control and raced into a 3-0 lead. James Smith opened the scoring in the early stages after good approach work by Justin Hayward and Steve White.

Shortly after this the advantage was doubled when Luke Krzoska deftly deflected a Chris Shearman-Slack cross into the net.

Harlow didn't ease up and skipper White made it three when he dispossessed a Colchester defender and

Harlow 3, Colchester II 2 (NE14 East Men's Hockey League, division four south east)

fought his way past another before firing home from the top of the 'D'.

Joe Symmonds and Smith excelled in midfield, which allowed Harlow to attack at will.

Likewise, Hayward, on the left flank, was always a dangerous option and it was only some fine keeping by the Colchester stopper that denied Harlow further goals.

Gradually Colchester fought their way back into the game and home keeper Rich Norris pulled off some top saves of his own.

The visitors eventually got one goal back shortly before the end of the first half.

The 11th Colchester player arrived for the second period.

The visitors forced a series of penalty corners, which were defended well by the Harlow team.

At the other end, the Colchester custodian made a string of saves.

With about five minutes left Colchester grabbed a second and then pushed for an equaliser but Harlow held on.

**HARLOW (squad):** Norris, Jones, Prodger, Torvell, Packham, Hayward, Smith, Symmonds, Krzoska, Cholerton, Shearman-Slack, Krzoska, White (c).

Excellent victory as U-17s bash Basildon

A **SUPERB** performance from the Harlow under 17s saw them win convincingly 27-12 at Basildon.

Despite the snowy conditions, both sides tried to run the ball and served up an entertaining game of rugby.

After 10 minutes the Young Rams took the lead when Prop James Lewis burrowed through a Maul to score.

Then after good play from his fellow forwards, flanker Michael Blair dived over in the corner.

Basildon hit back just before half-time when their inside centre ran through a poor defence to score close to the posts. The conversion left the score at 10-7 at the interval.

Youth rugby

The Young Rams continued to play good rugby in the second half and dominated the game.

Blair, Tom Mintoff and Alex Plummer were outstanding and three further tries were scored by Harlow.

The tries all came from the backs and the scorers were wing Joe Heeney, full-back Josh Drake and winger James Whittaker.

Harlow's only conversion was kicked by Lewis Alderman.

A club spokesman added: "Special mention should be made for the referee who allowed the game to be played and who managed the game superbly."

Harlow U-17s: Drake, Whittaker, Plummer, Poon, Heeney, Alderman, Ellis (c), Potter, Huckle, Lewis, Mintoff, Tovey, Keene, Blair, O'Donovan, Scanlon.

There was a heavy 55-0 defeat for the Harlow U-13 team at Braintree.

After some excellent results this year and a good run of wins the Junior Rams found themselves under pressure from the word go at Braintree.

The under-strength Harlow side had to defend throughout this match, as Braintree's forwards dominated the possession.

The home side ran in four tries in the first half. One was

converted and Braintree led 22-0 at half-time.

Matt Newborough was injured just before the interval and his tackling was sorely missed by the Rams.

Harlow battled on in the second half but could not prevent Braintree from scoring another five tries, four of them were converted.

The home side, with a large number of substitutes, were able to bring on fresh players throughout a second half which they dominated.

Harlow U-13s: Chamnaoui, Jenkins, Judge, O'Hanlon, Boswell-Banks, Clark, Foley, Lane, Riddell, Hunter (c), Doe, Newborough, Roberts, Handscombe, McMaster.

Alemite clinch title with three games left

ALEMITE Athletic wrapped up the Footprint Bishop's Stortford, Stansted & District League premier division title with a 2-1 victory at Birchanger.

Gavin Cockman and Peter Mayes found the net for the Harlow side.

Even if second-placed North Weald win their four remaining games they still cannot catch Alemite, who are now nine points clear.

The two sides will meet in the final of the Premier Division Cup this weekend.

Weald secured their spot when they won 4-2 against Pelly House on Saturday. On target were Frank Major, Adam Dangerfield (2) and Jim Brown.

The division one title looks like it will go down to the wire as leaders Salvation Army (Harlow) and second-placed North Weald reserves both won.

Army defeated Dunmow Rhodes 6-3 with goals from Ben Ford (2), Aaron Weaving, Lee Collett, Ryan Sheridan and Liam Mitchell.

North Weald won 3-1 at Thaxted Rangers reserves. On target were Tim Williams, Jason Pottle and Daniel Matthews.

Other results:- prem div – Quendon Ath 6, Loughton 0; Old Street 5, Sheering 2; Hatfield Heath 2, Debden res 3.

Div one – Albury 0, Sheering res 5 (Dave Hardy 3, Craig Ramsey, Matt Johnson); Avondale Rangers 2, Frontiers 0; Langley Rangers 3 (James Cutler 2, Alex Lawrenson), Hatfield Heath res 1; Lower Street 3 (Bradley Collins, Joe Swindham, Rod Gardner), Heath Rovers 4 (Joe Rudkin 2, Robert Morgan, Paul Williamson); Potter Street A 3 (Mark Munger 2, Tom Ivory), Thorley Park 2.

● **MOST** of the local football in Harlow was wiped out by Sunday's awful weather. It also meant the Harlow & District League Division One Cup final between Harberts and Lindsey Street was postponed.

Late equaliser robs Robins

THE Robins were left frustrated after conceding a last-minute equaliser in a 1-1 draw at basement club London APSA in the Essex Senior League.

Sawbridgeworth Town were leading 1-0 at Newham Leisure Centre on Saturday when Riyadh Sandiford fired in an 89th-minute equaliser from the edge of the box.

Sawbridgeworth had broke the deadlock on 35 minutes when Kevin Moore collected Conlan's pass before shooting in.

The home side should have equalised shortly after when Robins keeper Dan Bibby spilled a free-kick at Sandiford's feet, but he somehow contrived to miss an open goal when just four yards out.

Tuskin Huseyin's lob hit the Sawbridgeworth bar before Sandiford equalised.

'Beggars belief!

STORT Valley Angling Society started its 2008 programme with a trip to the Bullbeggars section of the Grand Union Canal.

Sixteen members of the Harlow club battled it out on a bright, clear day for the C. Stevens Rose Bowl.

Roy Deadman, using pole-fished bread punch, was victorious with a fine mixed bag which included bream and chub and weighed exactly 19lbs.

Long-time Stort Valley supporter Mick MacDonald landed 12lbs 8ozs to take second place, ahead of club chairman Mick Westby who was third with just over 9lbs.



## Senner sizzles for second spot

SENNER Koskocan came second out of all the 12-year-olds competing in the Essex County Swimming Championships.

The talented Harlow Penguins Swimming Club member enjoyed an excellent final round.

He gained silver medals in the 100m breaststroke (1 min 22.30 secs) and in the 200m breaststroke, where he improved his personal best (PB) time to 2:57.43.

Senner also showed his stamina in the gruelling 1,500m freestyle event where he slashed 38 seconds off his PB. He also came 7th in the 200m freestyle (2:24.04).

Fourteen-year-old Annie Groome gained two regional qualifying times in the 200m backstroke (2:34.97, 8th) and in the 100m butterfly (1:11.72, 7th). She finished 8th overall in the championships.

Victoria Malcolm (12) was sixth in the 100m freestyle after trimming her PB by four seconds to finish her heat in 1:06.52. She recorded another PB of 1:17.96 in the 100m backstroke.

Craig Warwick (17) swam a PB of 1:03.50 in the 100m backstroke before clocking 1:03.97 in the final.

Kaz Melvin was fourth in the 200m backstroke final with a regional qualifying time of 2:48.41.

In spite of all their problems with a lack of training facilities, Harlow finished a creditable 11th out of 26 clubs.

Rankings for Harlow Penguins Swimmers:- 16 years/over – Kaz Melvin, 9th; Ruby Groome, 18th; Craig Warwick, 19th. 15 years – Alex Francey, 8th. 13 years – Chris Stevens, 11th. 10 years – Tomas Stevens, 10th.

## Vet Moody shines in 20-mile race

THREE Harlow Running Club members competed in the Oakley 20-mile race.

Colin Moody was first in the veteran 55 section, recording a time of 2hrs, 21mins 3secs.

Jon and Vicky Steadman also competed, recording 2:38.21 and 2:42.45 respectively.

David Ayling took part in the Hastings half marathon in East Sussex. He clocked 1:34.59.

In Holland, paralympian Noel Thatcher set a new club veteran 40 record with 1:16.57 in The Hague half marathon. This club record had stood for nine years.

In the Orion 15-mile race, John Tennant clocked 1:54.09. He also claimed a prize as second fastest veteran 50 runner.

He was followed home by Rick Ricketts (2:01.46).

Jamie Luck (1:09.23) and Ron Luck (1:32.27) competed in the Sandy 10-mile race.

# Penguins in crisis

## Swimmers follow coach out of club after pool closure

By **DAVID RIMMER**

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### FEARS are growing for the future of Harlow Penguins Swimming Club.

A club source told **Star Sport** that more than a third of its membership of around 160 have left since the town pool in First Avenue was closed in November.

Many influential members and talented young swimmers have followed club coach Alan Mitchell out of the door. He has taken on a similar role at Chelmsford Swimming Club.

He has been replaced by Carmen Byfield.

Club press secretary Wendy Stevens, whose three sons have represented Penguins in the past, is the latest to quit. She has switched her children to Hoddesdon Swimming Pool.

Since the closure of the town pool, Harlow swimmers have limited access to the pools at Burnt Mill School in First Avenue, Haileybury College in Hertford Heath and Leventhorpe School in Sawbridgeworth.

There are no plans to re-open Harlow Pool, which shut due to health and safety reasons. It could be at least another year before a new pool opens as part of the multi-million pound sports complex at Velizy Avenue.

Penguins club chairman Chris Singleton said: "We cannot replace the pool time that we lost. We cannot offer them pool time as they improve."

"They (children) need that to be able to enter various galas. There is



**COME UNDONE:** The old First Avenue pool which closed down in November due to health and safety reasons. *Inset*, former club coach Alan Mitchell

now four days off [between Thursday and Monday] in training and they are not getting the level of improvement."

He added: "We can fully understand why children when they reach a standard, need alternative facilities that meet their needs."

Singleton praised the committee and members for keeping the club afloat. "The hard work and the children themselves have kept it going – lesser clubs would have called it a day."

Mrs Stevens has stepped down as press officer after three years.

Her sons, Chris, Tomas and Charlie could train up to four days a week at the First Avenue pool.

Mrs Stevens explained: "It's the lack of training facilities which has forced us to go to Hoddesdon Swimming Club."

"They will train in one place and feel you belong to a club. We have been all over the place [training at Bishop's Stortford College, Burnt Mill and Haileybury]."

She says it is important for youngsters to represent their home town in a sport and hopes to return to Harlow eventually. "It's disappointing that



the closure of the pool has let us go out of the town. It is such a shame to go out of Harlow," she added.

## Hawks can still win title

AN 82-74 victory over Luton Fliers ensured that the Harlow Hawks will finish in the top two in division one of the Herts Basketball League this season.

Harlow have one game left but Luton must win all three of their remaining league games to win the title – otherwise Hawks could be champions.

The hosts got off to a great start with a Mike Freeman inside score before a barrage of three-pointers by Shab Niaz and Paul Jessop gave the Hawks a 14-2 lead after only three minutes.

Despite dominating the early period, Luton chipped away at the Hawks' lead.

Following another couple of Harlow three-pointers, Fliers scored eight without reply to get back in the game. Scores from Mark Haddow and Zaf Niaz at the end of the quarter gave Hawks a 31-22 lead.

Luton went on a 12-2 spree in the second quarter and, despite a score from Zaf Niaz, the scores were tied.

Long-range scores from

the Hawks left them with a narrow 44-43 advantage heading into half-time.

Paul Jessop opened the scoring for Harlow in the second half with a three-pointer before a strong drive by Lee Jones resulted in foul shots and a slender four-point lead.

Jessop and Shab Niaz's three-pointers opened up the gap further.

However, a buzzer-beating three-pointer left the game finely balanced at 61-60 heading into the final break.

Hawks dug deep with an 8-0 run to regain the lead.

The visitors fought back and Harlow were forced to take two time-outs before grabbing another score to put the game beyond Luton.

Coach Shab Niaz said: "The guys really wanted to reverse the deficit of 11 points from the first encounter that would have given us the title automatically. But it was important that we won the game to finish in the top two and not put extra pressure on us for our last game."

"Also it now means that Luton can't afford to slip up in their final three games and if they do then we will win the league."

"The team have worked really hard all season and it's a great achievement considering that I was realistically expecting us to finish around 4th or 5th."

Harlow face Luton again in the Herts County Cup final at Wodson Park, Ware, on Sunday evening.

**HARLOW HAWKS:** Jessop (27pts), S. Niaz (23), Freeman (13), Haddow (10), Z. Niaz (5), Jones (2), Collier (2), Burgess, Wright, Sharma, Ramadan.

● **HARLOW Hawks lost 95-93 at Peterborough-based Vytis in the East Region League play-off semi-final first leg on Sunday.**

Hawks scorers were Paul Jessop (26 points), Shab Niaz (24), Dave Spashett (19), Mike Freeman (14), Zaf Niaz (5) and Mark Overland (5).

The second leg is at Harlow Sportcentre this Saturday.

For a full report go to [www.harlowstar.co.uk](http://www.harlowstar.co.uk)

## Snow joke for golfers

CANONS Brook Golf Club started its season on Saturday with a men's stableford competition and a ladies medal.

However, the snow forced the postponement of the Leslie Wood Trophy match against Castle Point Golf Club (Canvey Island). This will now be played on April 20. Results:- men's stableford – 1st, Simon Hartley (38pts); 2nd Charles Batemen (37); 3rd Malcolm Simpson (37).

## Servo go 10 clear

SERVO Hawks head the Harlow & District Premier Darts League by 10 points with one match to play.

CC Whites head the handicap league by six points from Young Pretenders. Both team have two matches to play. Results:- Servo Hawks 7, Colt Hatch 1; Young Pretenders 6, UG Social 2; Swift Half's 3, Moot House 5; Moot House Arrows 7, Swift Arrows; CC Foxes 3, CC Whites 5 (Alex Hogg 2 x 180s).

## Eastern promise

SIXTEEN-year-old Jessica Docking represented the Eastern Region in the women's cross country event.

The North Weald athlete was fastest from the Eastern Region and finished a fine 21st place out of 100 starters over a course of 4.5km.

Her time was 16 minutes, 27 seconds, despite driving rain.

## Win for Paxman

HARLOW Athletic Club member Glen Paxman came first, clocking 51.7secs in a senior men's 400m race at an open meeting at Havering Mayesbrook.

Saturday's event also saw Harlow member Polly Woods come second with a club record leap of 10.73m in the U-17 women's triple jump.

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Mark Haddow, centre, is blocked by a Luton Fliers player

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# Hors-whipped

## Player-boss Kirby says one more win can keep Hawks up

**RYAN Kirby is buoyant about the Hawks' prospects as they prepare for a tough clash against Staines at Barrows Farm this Saturday.**

Harlow Town claimed an excellent win at promotion-chasing Horsham five days ago which lifted them into 13th spot and they are now three points above the drop zone.

Midfielder Leon Lalite is ruled out for the Staines match with a one-match suspension after he was sent off at Billericay Town on Easter Monday, but defender Beckett Hollenbach returns

**Horsham 0, Harlow Tn 1**  
(Ryman League, premier division)

after missing out against Horsham due to business commitments.

Hawks player-boss Kirby said: "We are more than capable of getting a win [against Staines] especially after the way we finished the game on Saturday. It gives people a lift and a boost.

"I think one win could well be enough [to keep us up] depending on other results."

A rare goal from substitute Shaun Gliddon - only his second for the first team - gave Harlow a priceless three points at the Atspeed Stadium.

Gliddon, who netted his first goal last season, scored when Horsham's substitute keeper Alan Mansfield spilled Clark Akers' cross from the right on 80 minutes. The teenager did well to react quickly and divert the ball home.

Gliddon had only come on after 70 minutes.

Kirby said: "He read the situation well and kept it down well. It was a great goal."

Openings were created at the start but the first meaningful effort at goal did not come until the 27th minute when a shot from Akers went just past a post.

Hornets stopper Paul Seuke went off with a dislocated finger after he

punched out a Lalite corner in first-half stoppage time. Mansfield replaced him.

The rain set in after the break and on 47 minutes Rhys Henry set up Danny Green, whose shot forced Mansfield to dive low to his left to tip away.

Shortly before the hour mark, a 20-year Stuart Myall free-kick went just wide of a post.

After Gliddon's goal, James Bunn and Lalite forced saves from Mansfield on 84 minutes and in injury-time respectively.

**HARLOW TN:** Hasell, Davis, Taylor, Akers, Kirby, Chapman, Lalite, Green (S. Gliddon 70), Bunn, Fowler, Henry. Subs not used: Roget, Baker, Warren, Dumoulin (gk).



### SUPER SUB:

Shaun Gliddon grabbed a vital late winner for Harlow Town at Horsham

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## Dame Kelly's pupil can gatecrash Beijing

**HARLOW** middle-distance star Andrew Osagie has vowed to upset the Olympic party and book a surprise plane ticket to Beijing - after rubbing shoulders with Dame Kelly Holmes.

The 20-year-old was one of 40 youngsters picked to take part in a 10-day educational camp in Loughborough as part of Dame Kelly's Norwich Union funded 'On Camp with Kelly' scheme.

And under the eagle eye of the double Olympic gold medallist, Osagie underlined his growing potential by being crowned the 'On Camp with Kelly' 600m champion after storming home in 1min 20.70secs.

Despite being ranked British No.8 in the 800m in 2007 the Harlow Athletic Club runner - who has ducked under the UK target time of 1:47.06 minutes - believes he has every chance of making this year's Olympic Games in China.

"The Beijing Olympics is a big target for me, obviously it's a bit out there but I really do think that if I squeeze everything out of this then I could grab a spot on the team," said Osagie.

At Loughborough, former Leventhorpe School student Osagie was instructed on topics such as injury prevention, hydration, nutrition, medical issues and anti-doping by current and former Team GB stars such as Becky Lyne and Anthony Whiteman.

"From where I was a year ago to be involved in Beijing



**BEIJING BECKONS:** Harlow athlete Andrew Osagie, and inset, with Dame Kelly Holmes (s)

would be incredible," he said. "The British Olympic Association have put me on a funding scheme this year in order to progress to that level.

"It's now up to me to see how close I can get - I want to go

all the way and I want to be there.

"And as an 800m runner you can't get better than being coached by an Olympic 800m gold medallist. The amount of stories and information Kelly can give me is just

unbelievable.

"I hope to leave here a different man with all the things she's told me so I can really push on at the top level.

"Being here has been good preparation for major championships because every little problem that can happen has happened here." And Dame Kelly can't wait to help Osagie and the rest of her class of 2008 to fulfil their goals.

"They all have the belief that they can reach the next level and that is important. To see the results we have had is great and I am really pleased for all of them."

● **NORWICH** Union is working with Dame Kelly Holmes to prepare future champions through her successful mentoring scheme, 'On Camp with Kelly'.

Now in its fourth year, the camp is including boys and young men in the programme for the first time ever.

